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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 12, 2004

In response to the office action mailed March 12, 2004, Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. If any additional fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

REMARKS


Applicant has studied the Office Action of May 27, 2004, noting the allowability of the claims and the closing of the prosecution on the merits. The sole remaining issue is whether the drawings show "applying a previous credit for increasing the change in a fuel dispensing system." Applicant has discussed this issue with Examiner Butler via telephone, and while Applicant disagrees with the Patent Office's conclusion, to expedite issuance, Applicant herein submits new formal drawings as well as a red lined version of Figure 11B. The flow chart of Figure 11B now recites "determine refund or loyalty benefit including possible previous credit to increase change" in block 620. This language is straight from claim 6 of the application as filed, and has now been amended into the drawings. As Applicant has discussed with the Examiner, this amendment does not add new matter and is fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicant requests review of the drawings and withdrawal of the objection thereto. As Applicant has concurrently submitted a complete set of formal drawings to accompany this response, the case should be in a condition for allowance, and Applicant earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance from the Patent Office at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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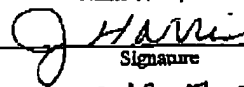
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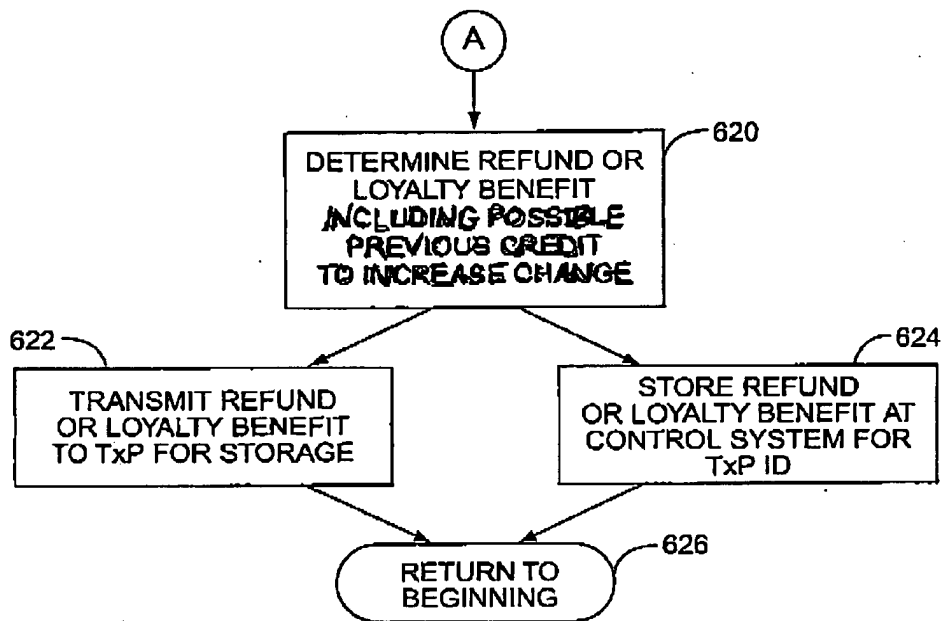
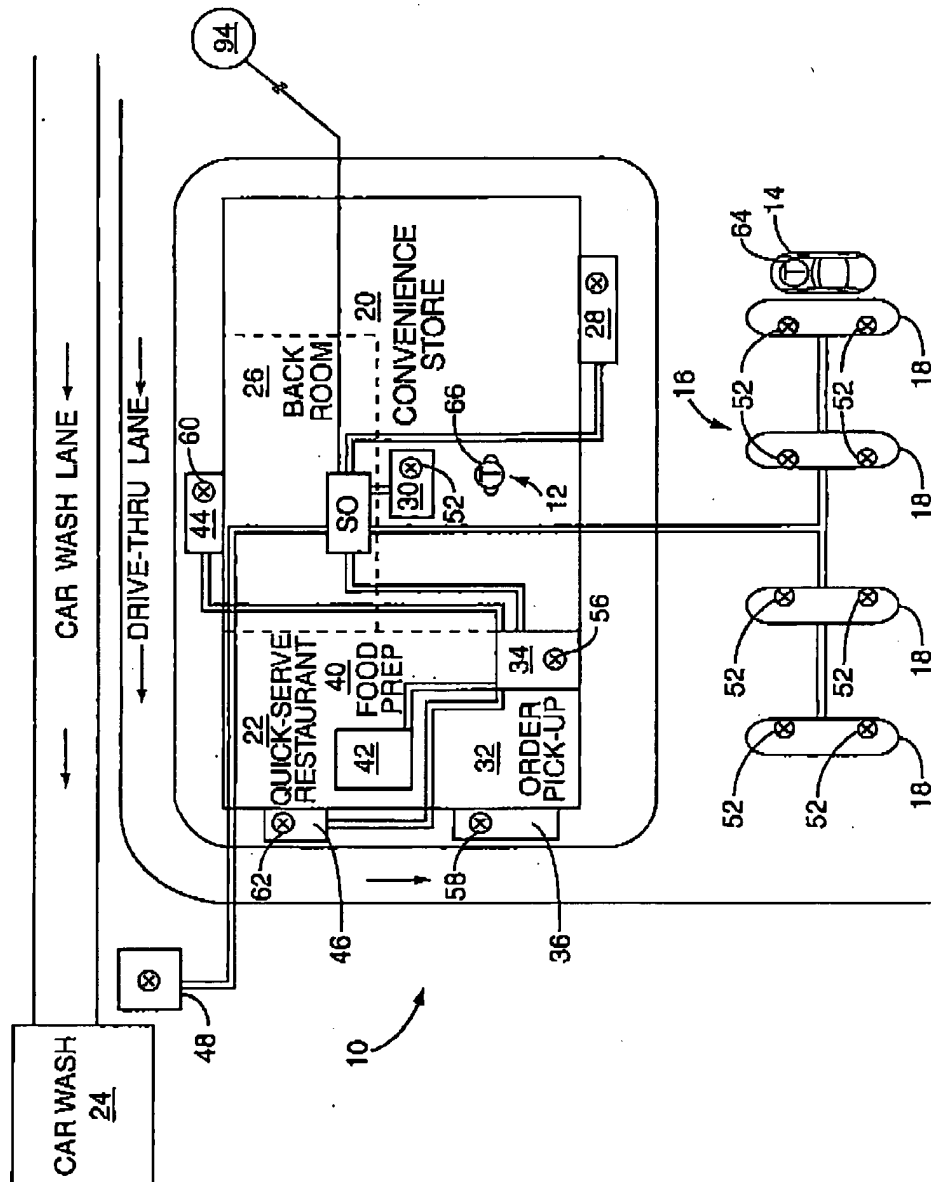
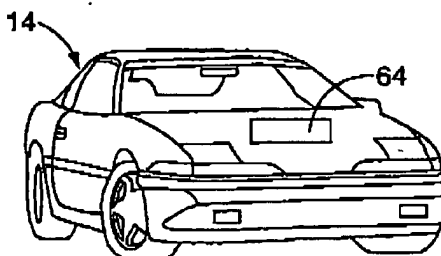
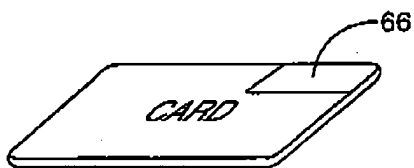
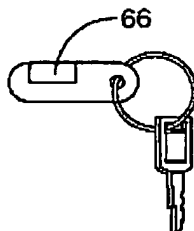


FIG. 11B



**FIG. 2A****FIG. 2B****FIG. 2C**

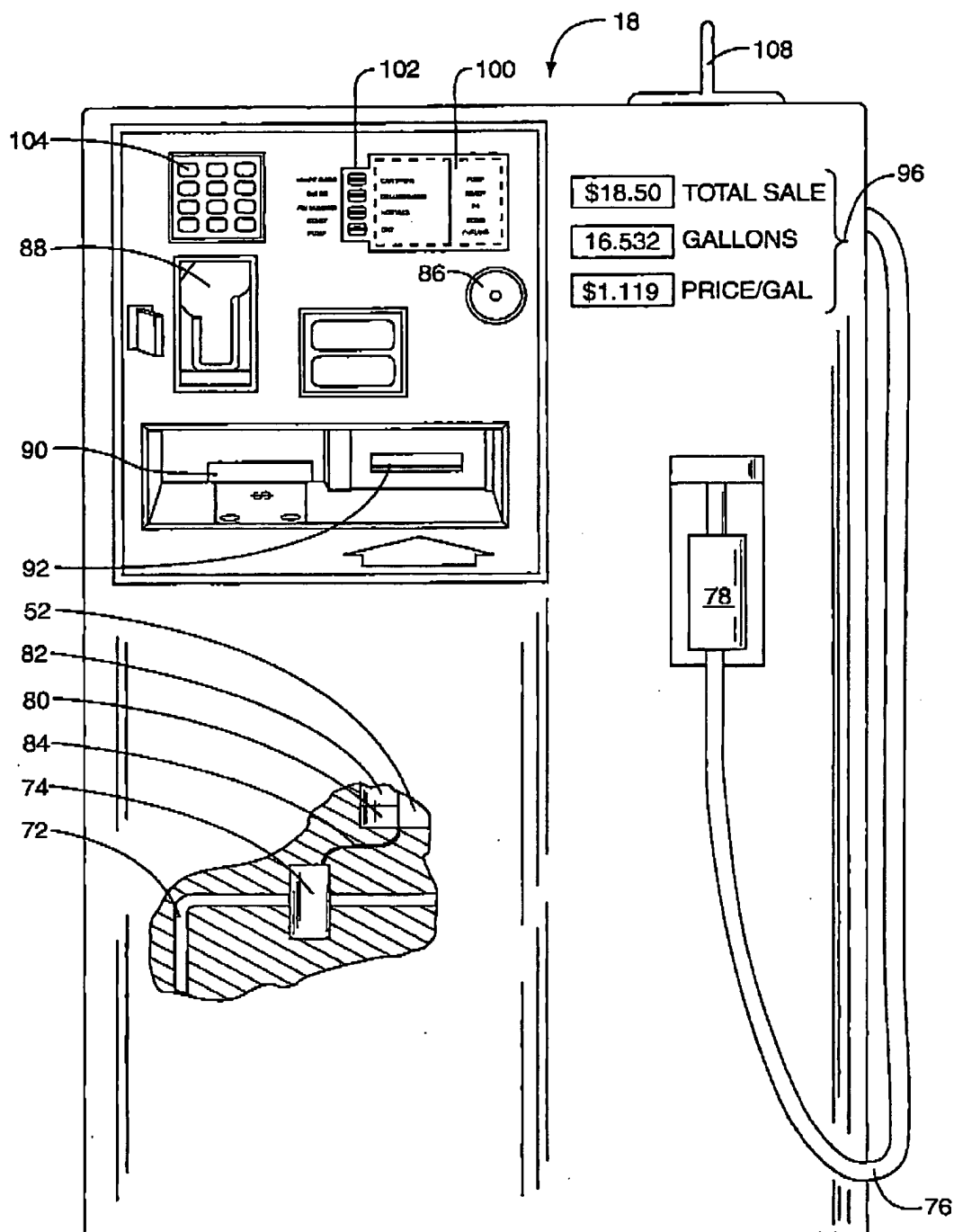


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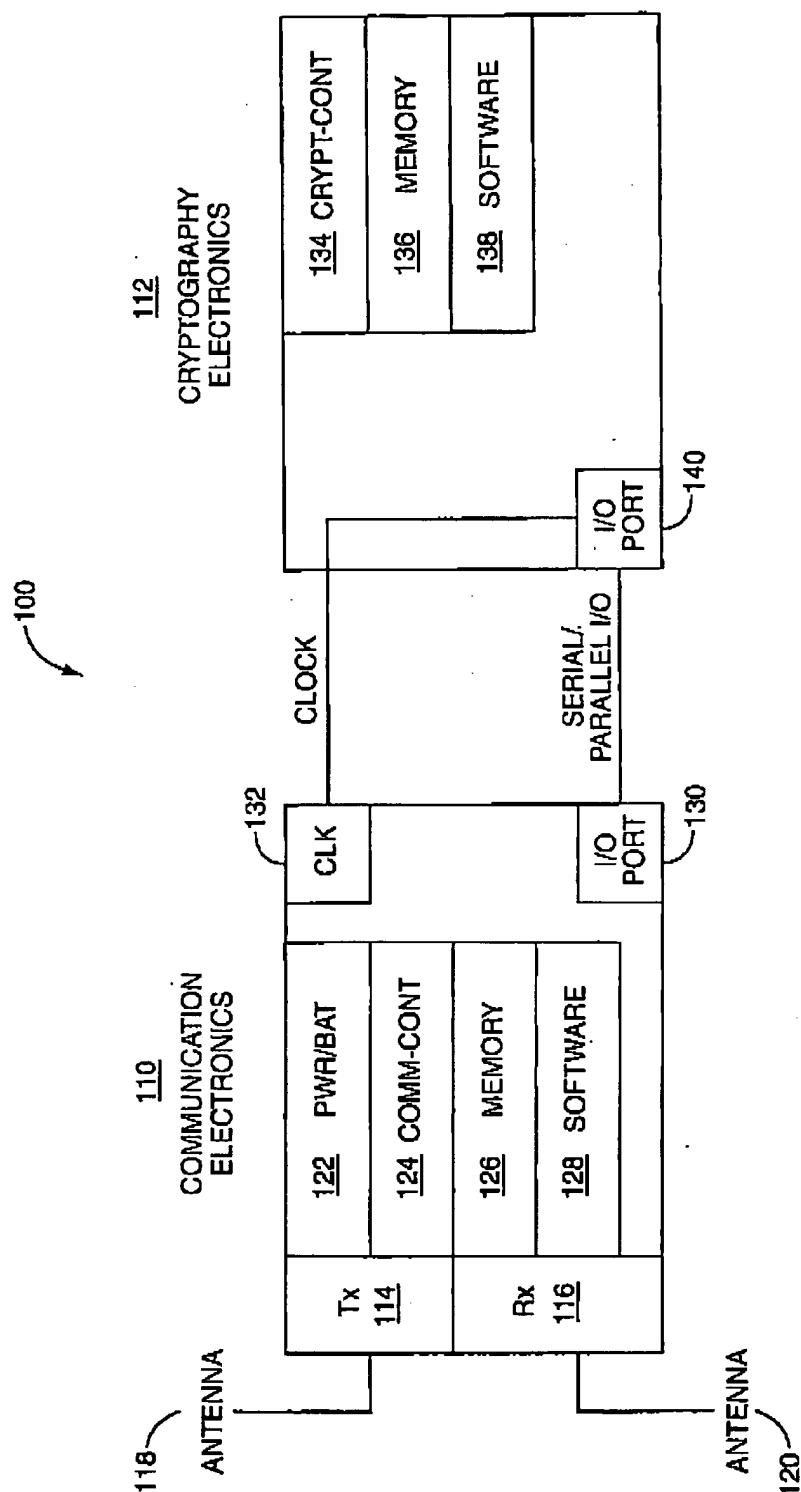


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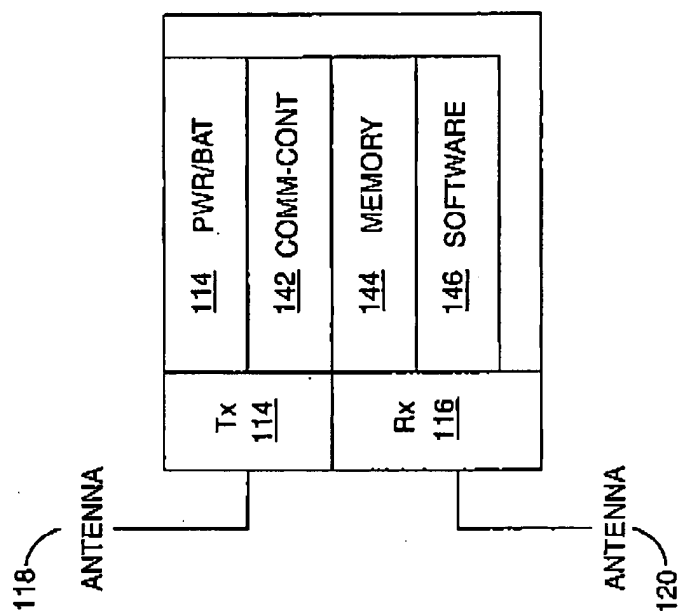


FIG. 4B

DISPENSER ELECTRONICS

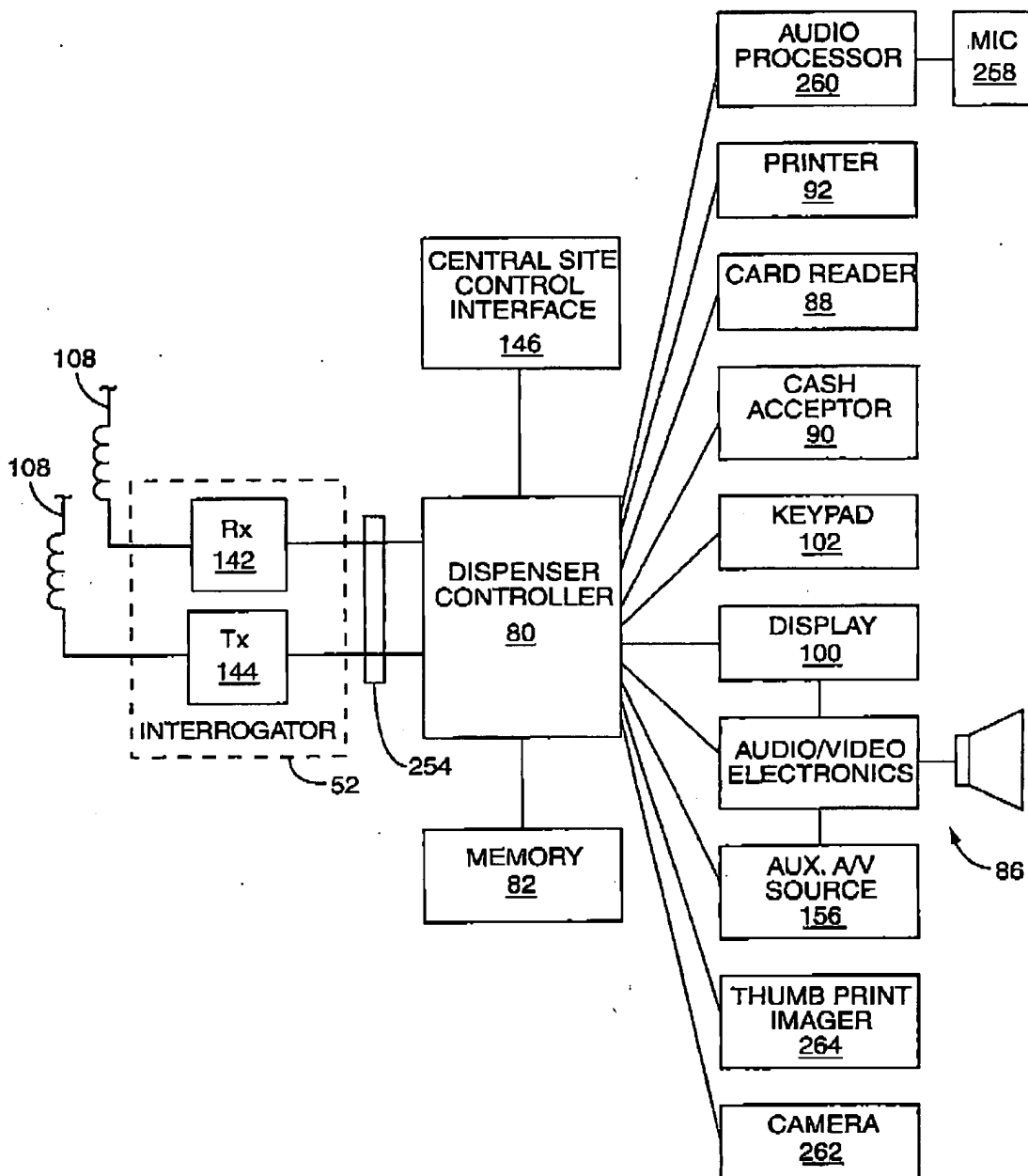
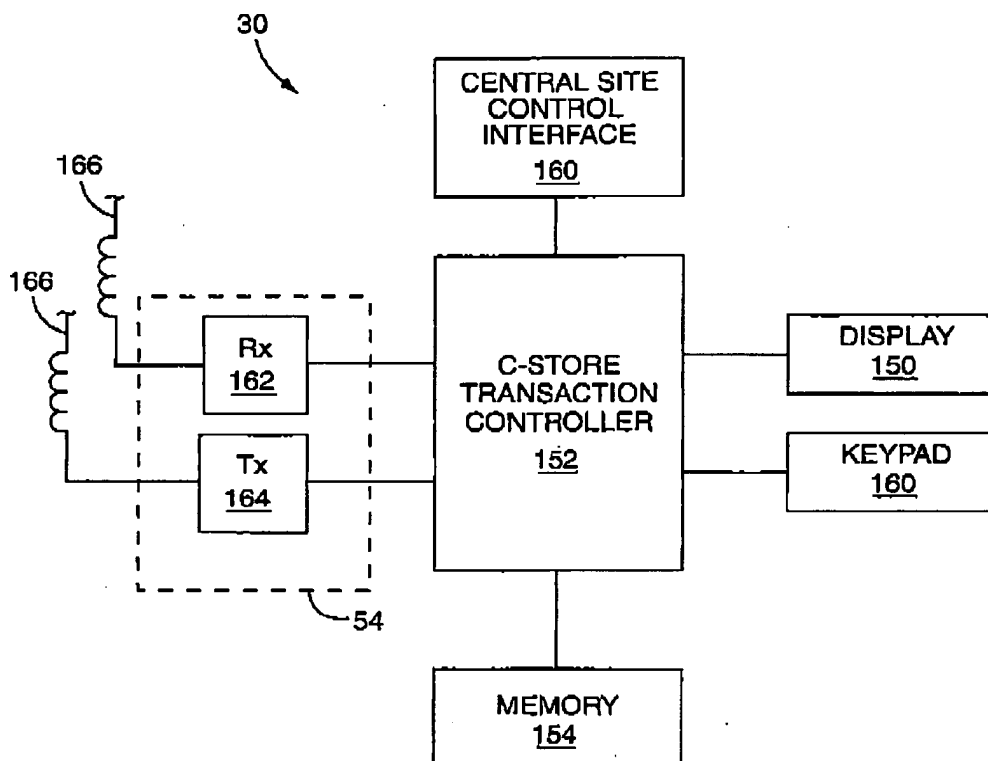


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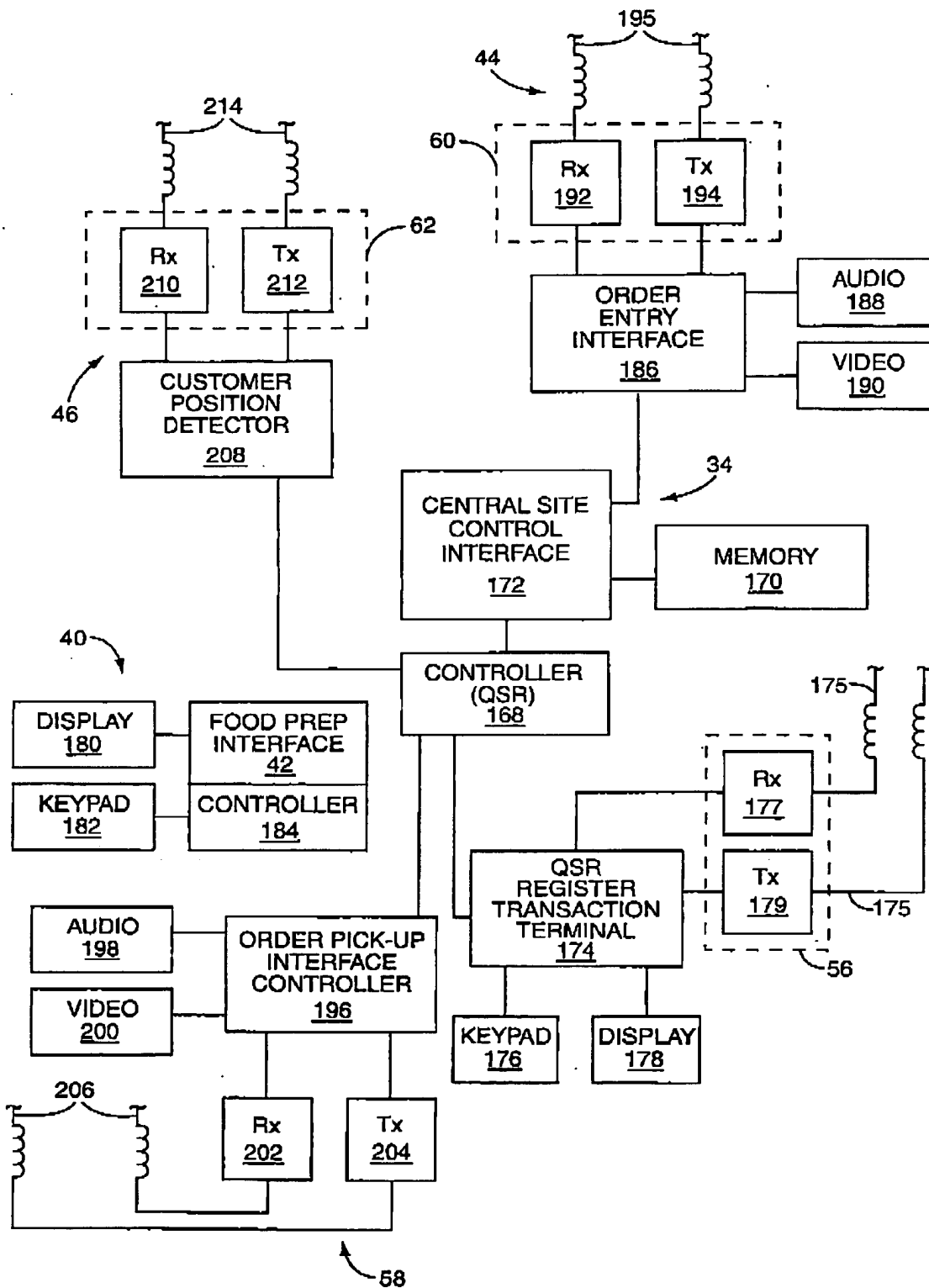


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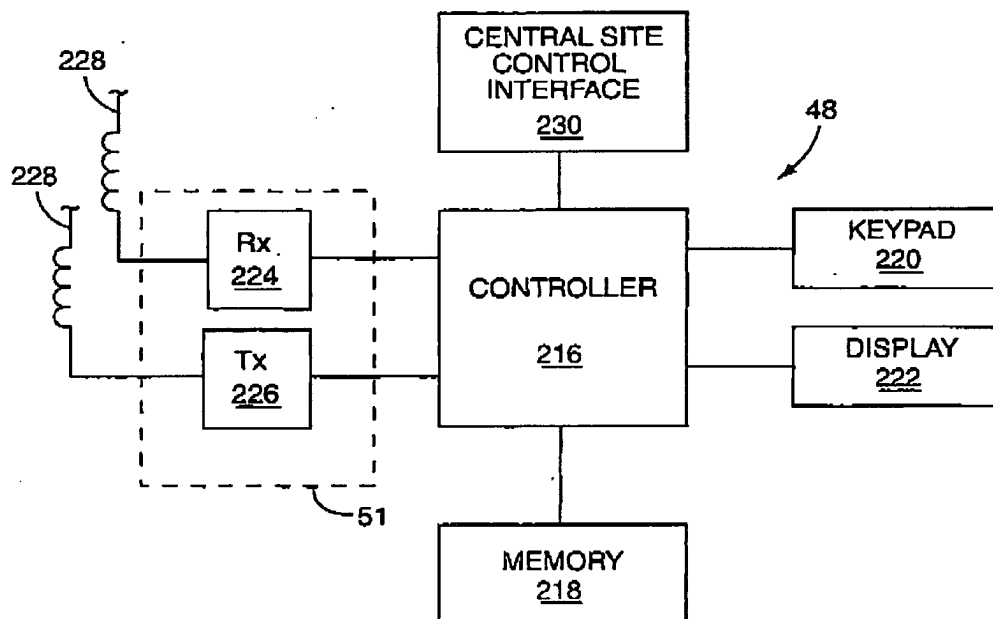
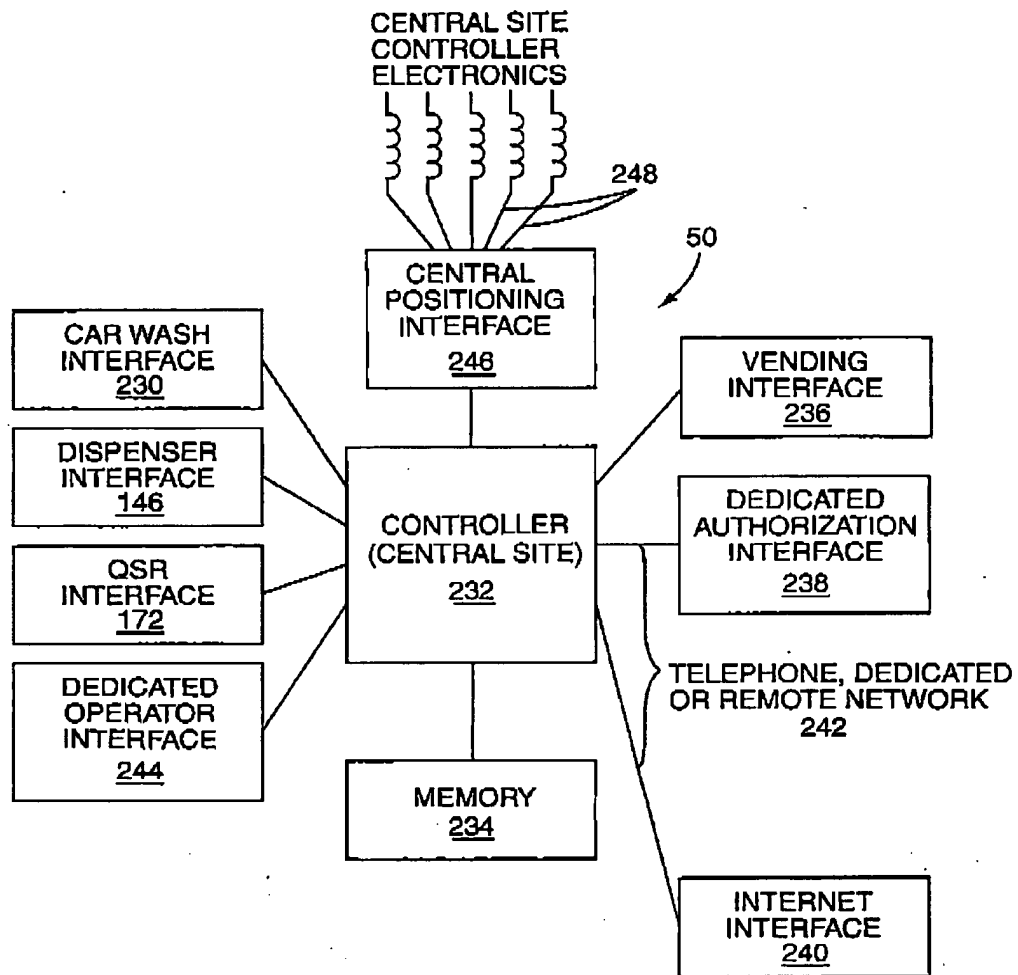


FIG. 8

**FIG. 9**

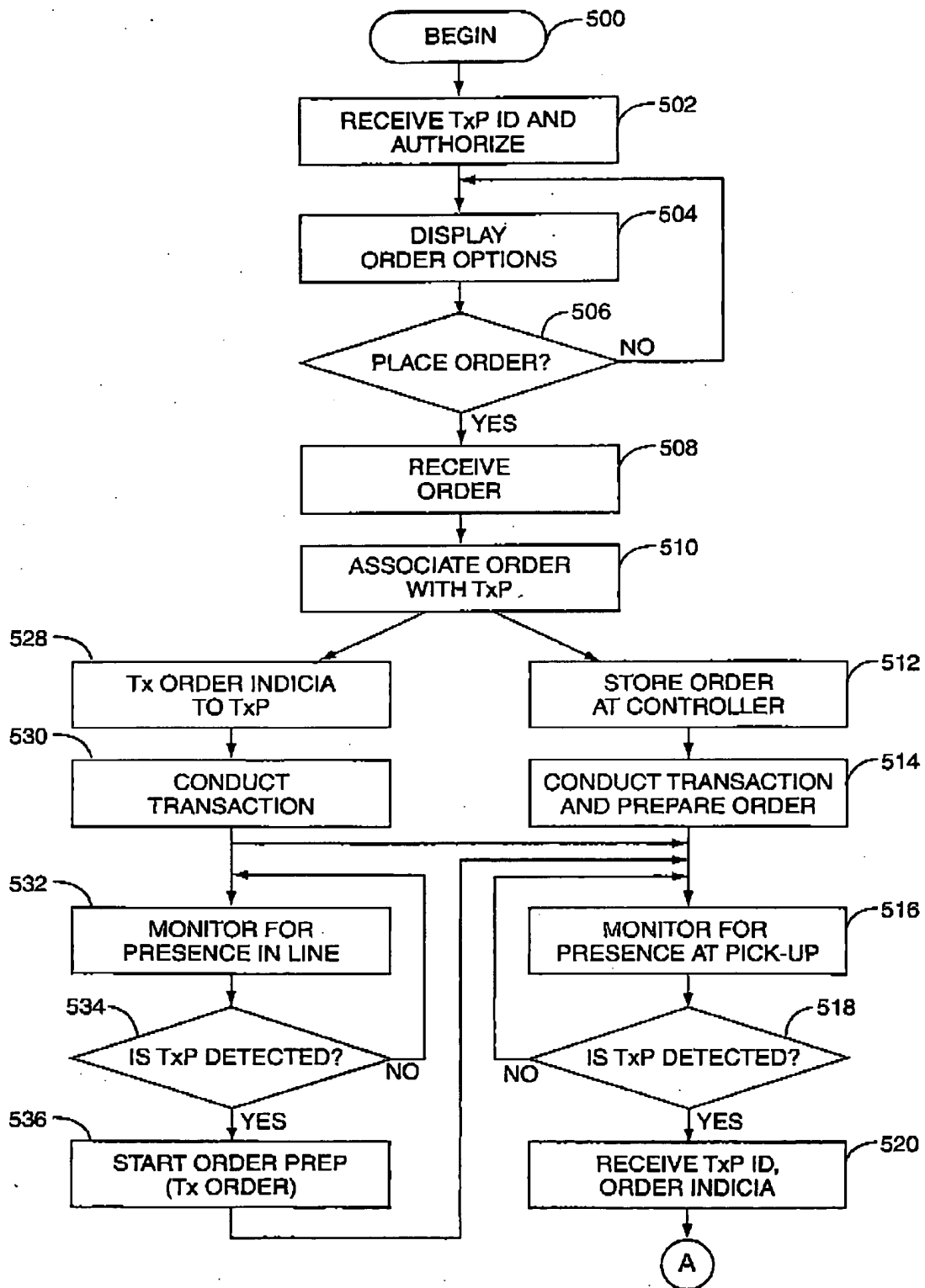
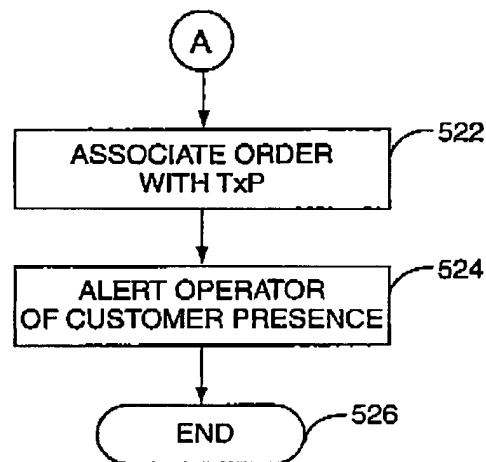


FIG. 10A

**FIG. 10B**

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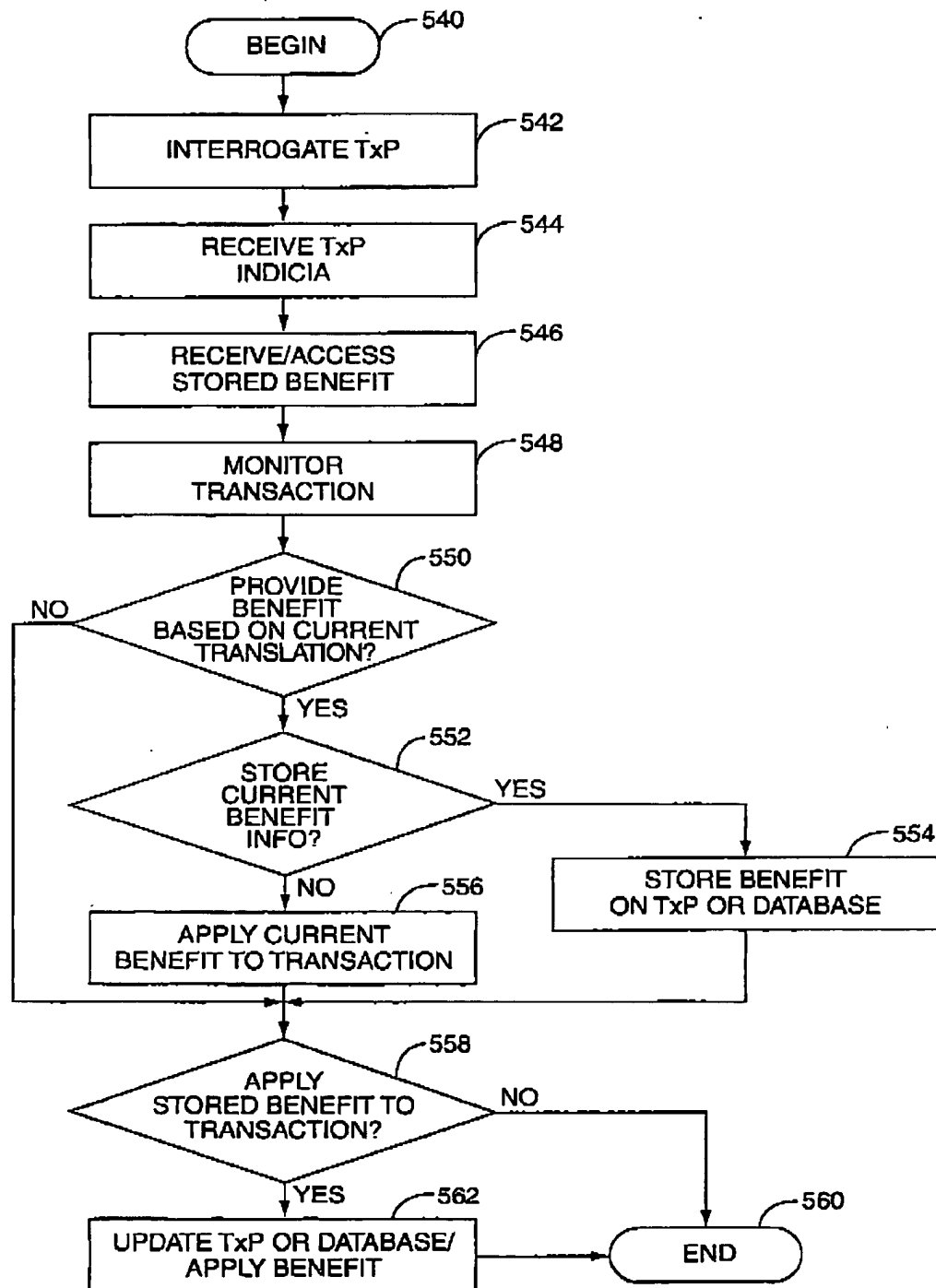


FIG. 10C

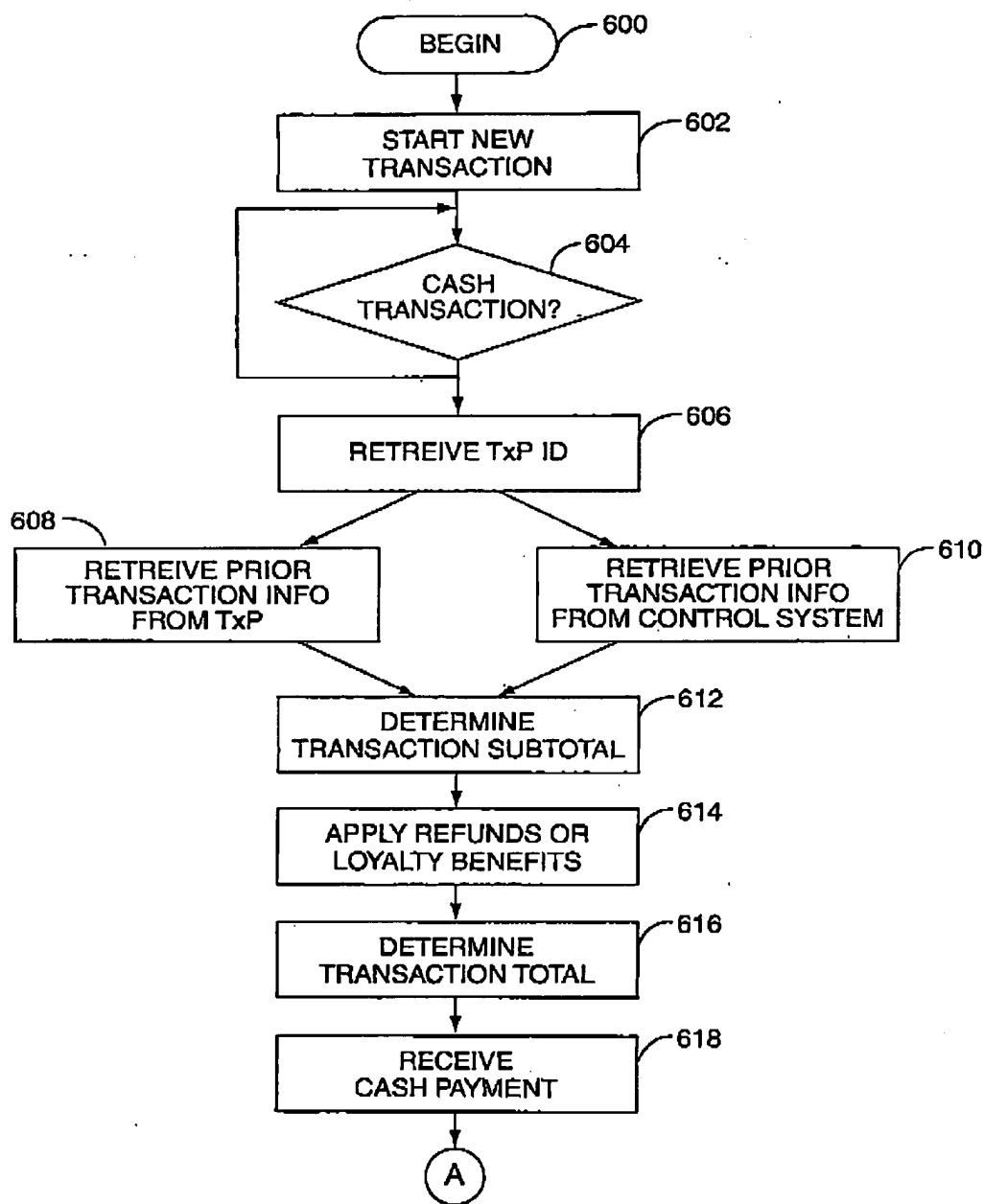
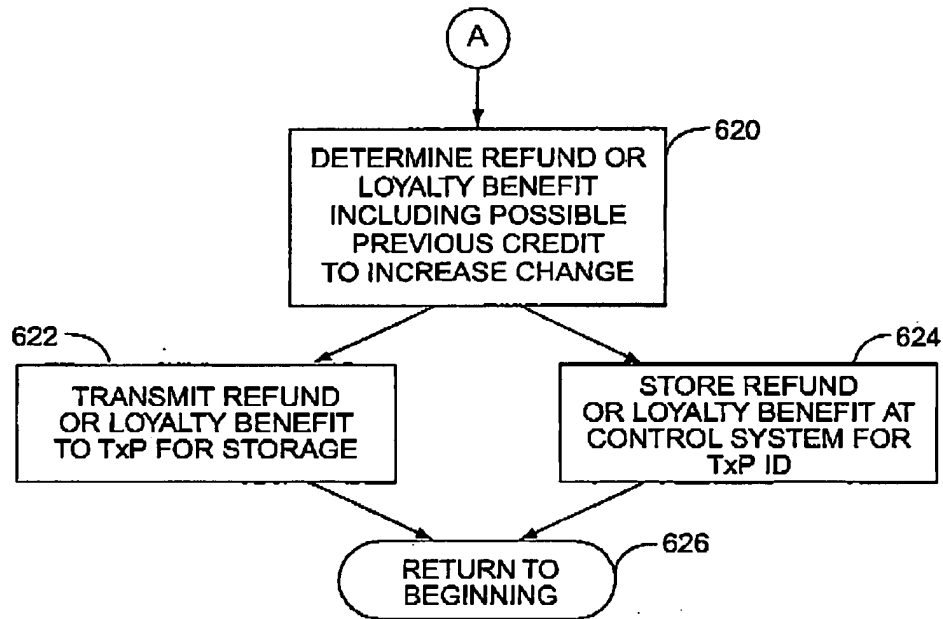


FIG. 11A

**FIG. 11B**

DISCOUNT FOR TRANSPONDER USE

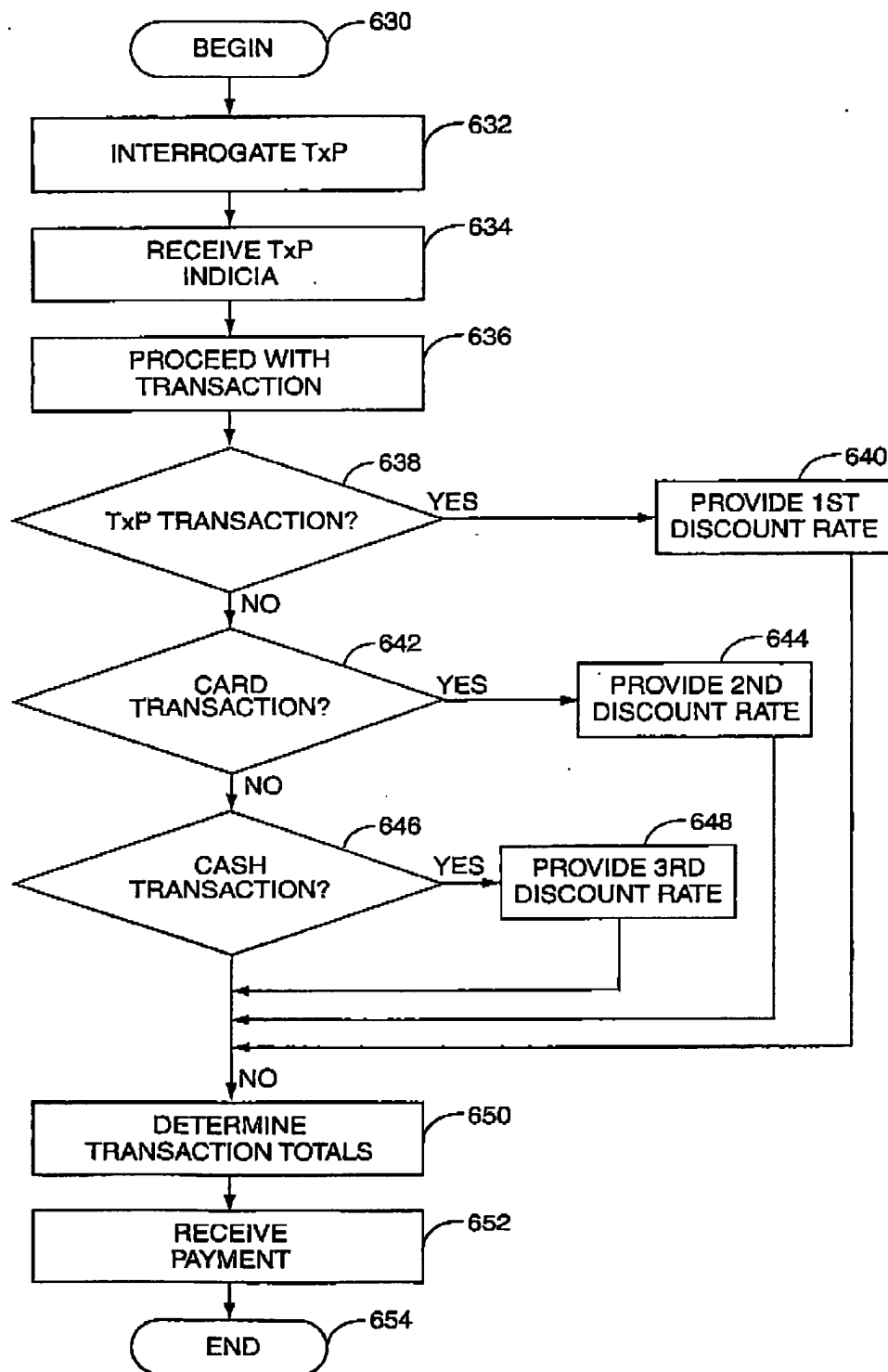
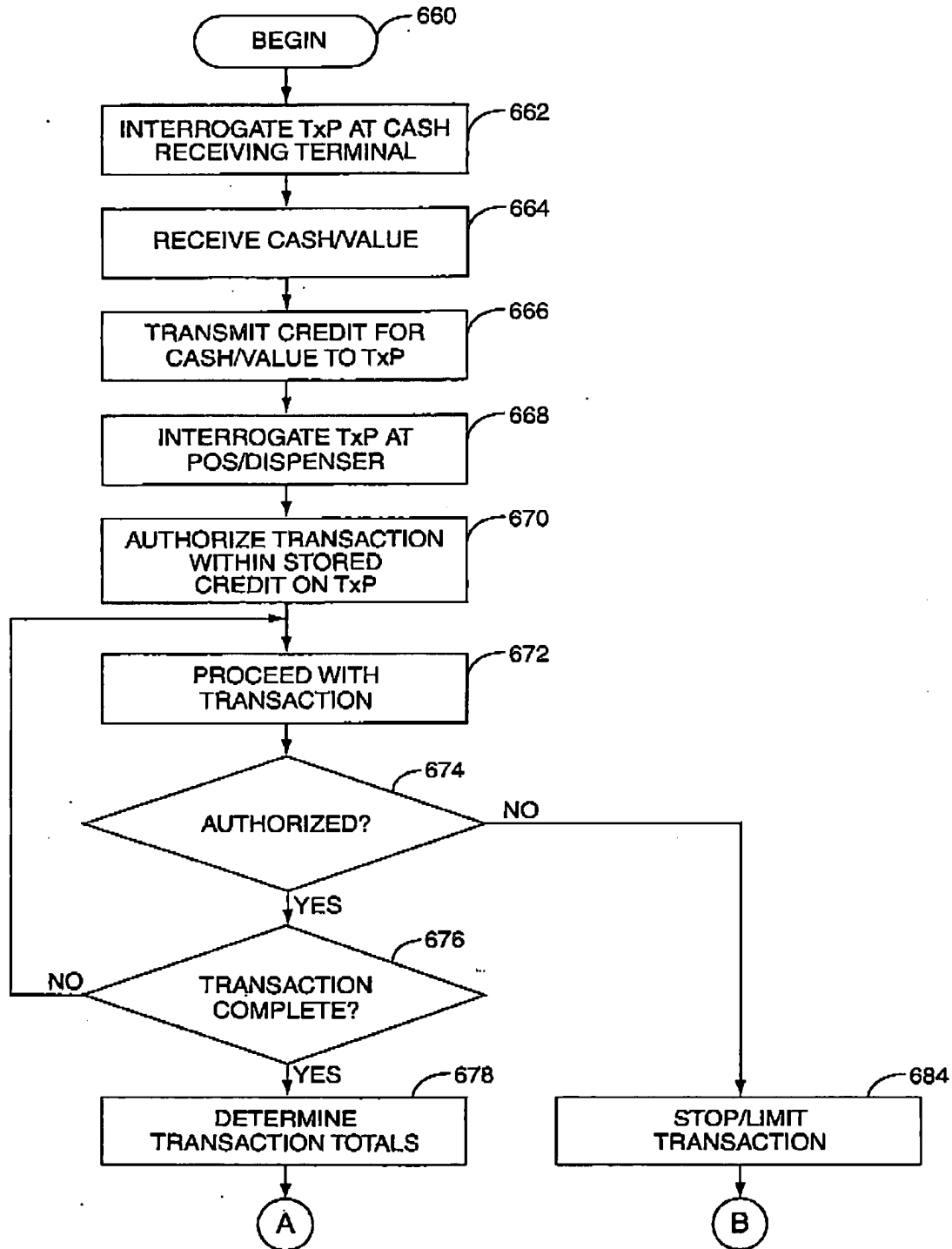
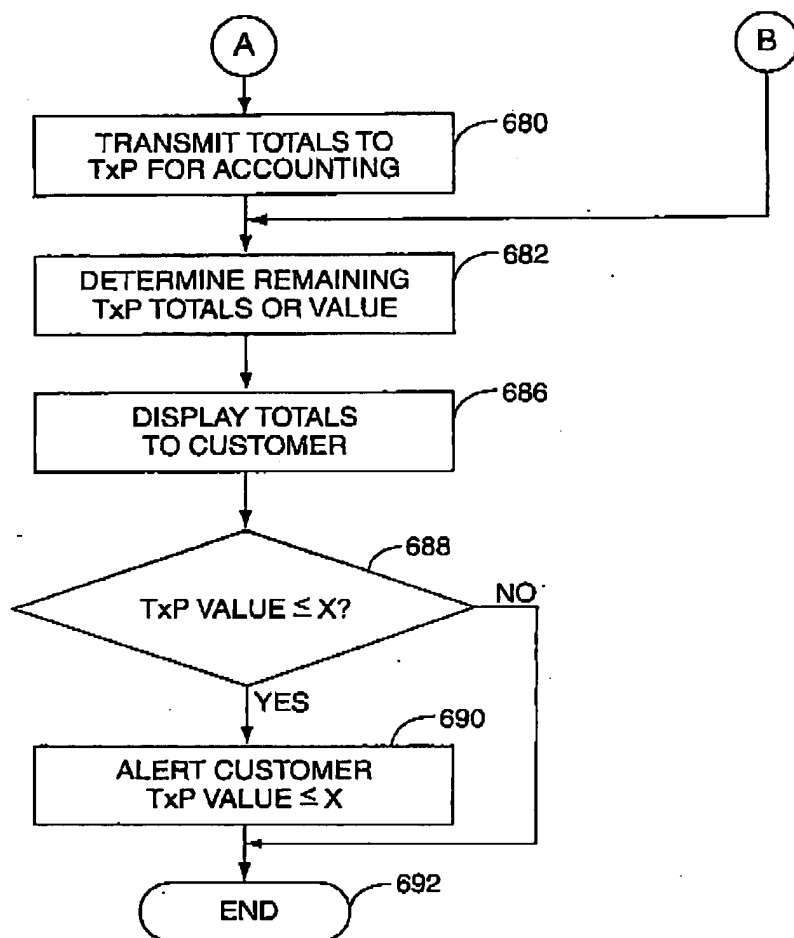


FIG. 11C

CASH PREPAY WITH TxP**FIG. 11D**

**FIG. 11E**

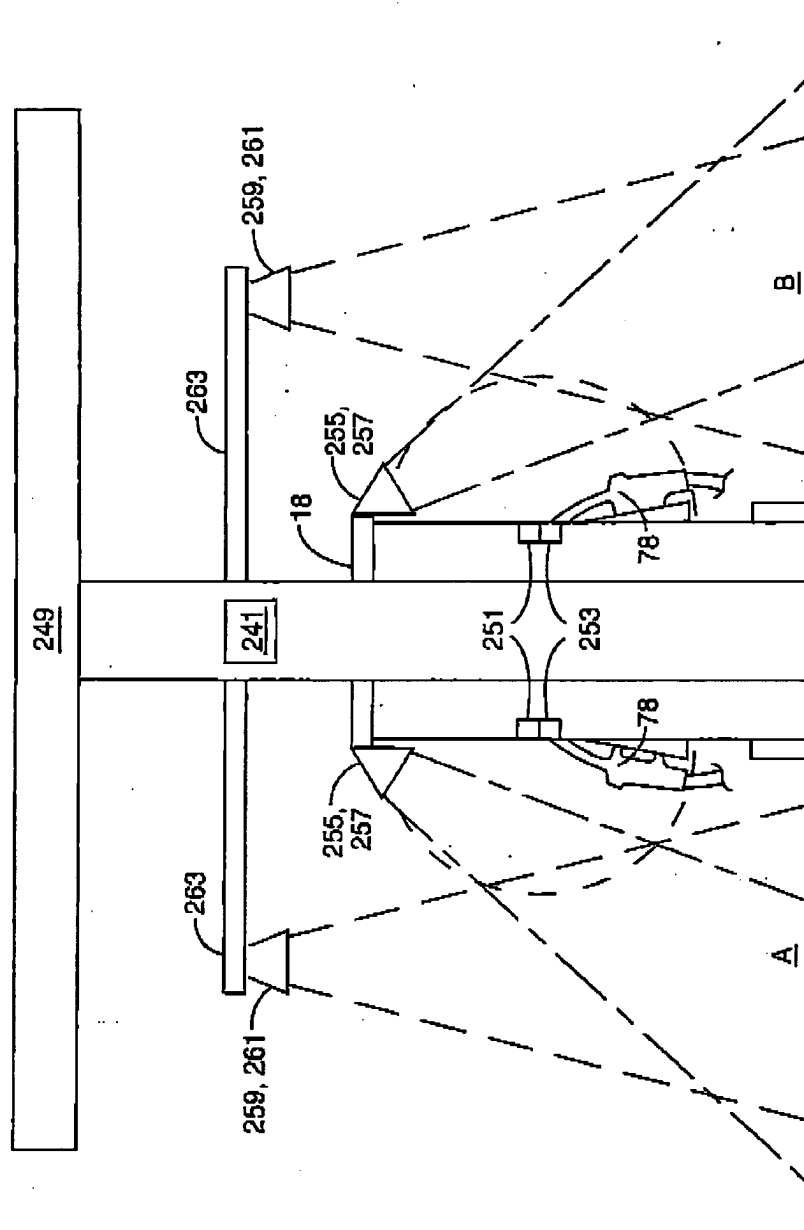


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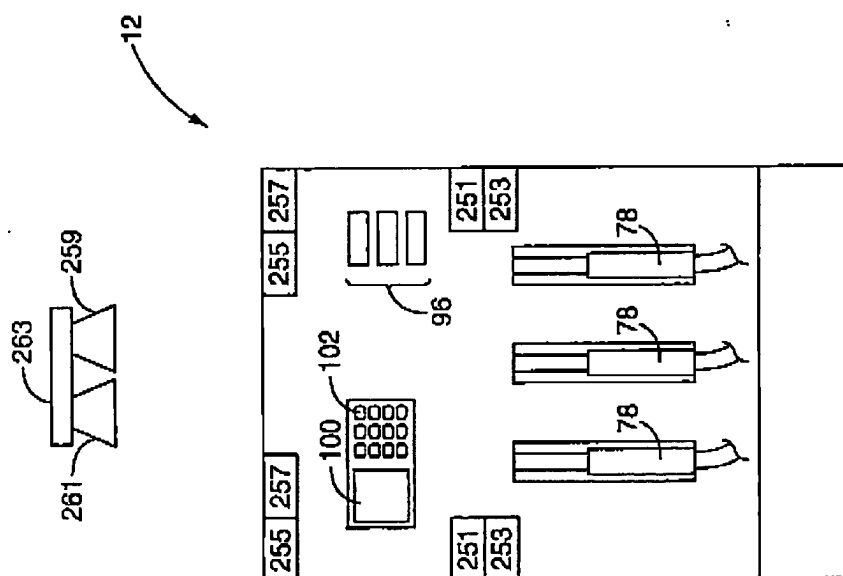


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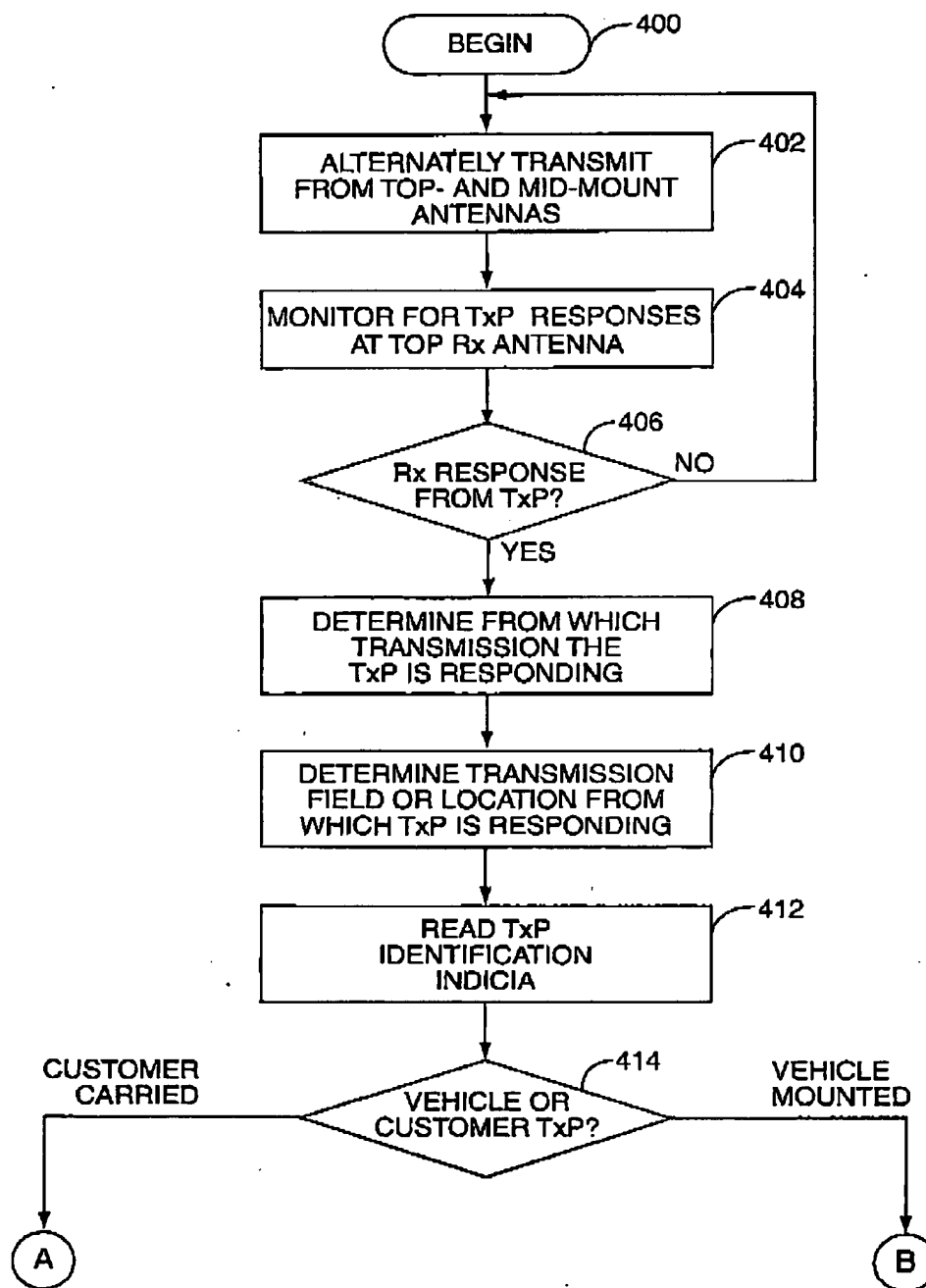


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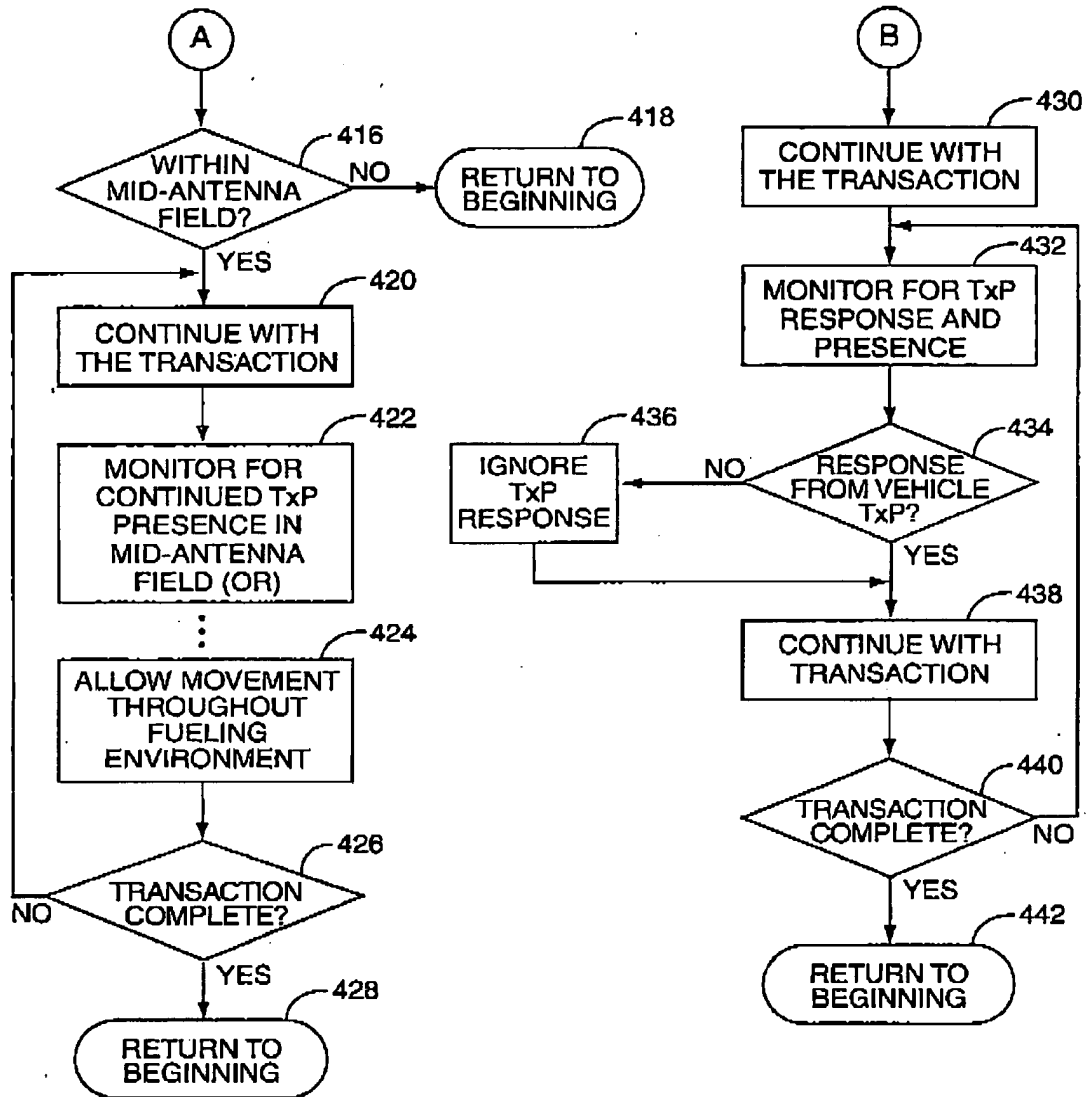


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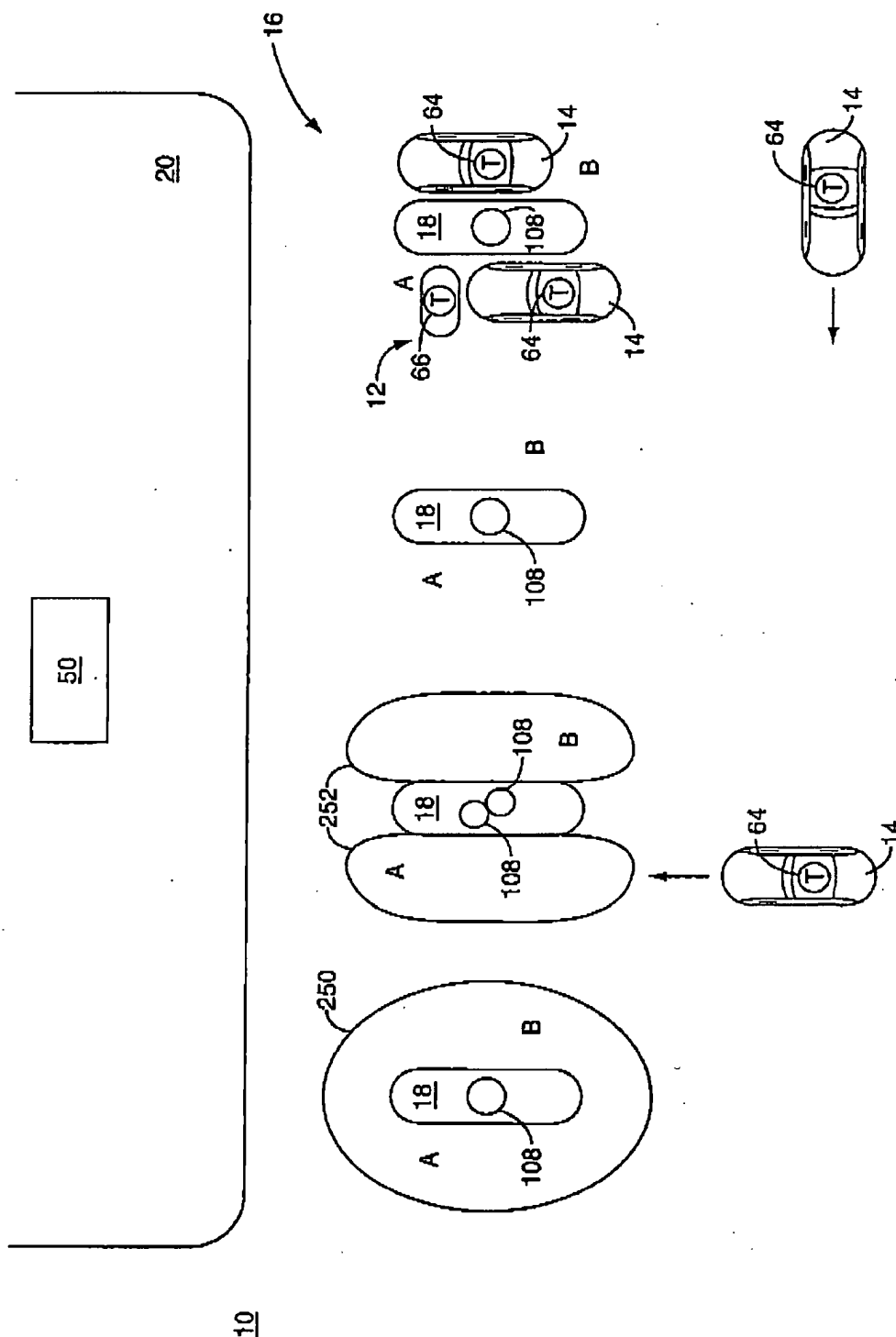
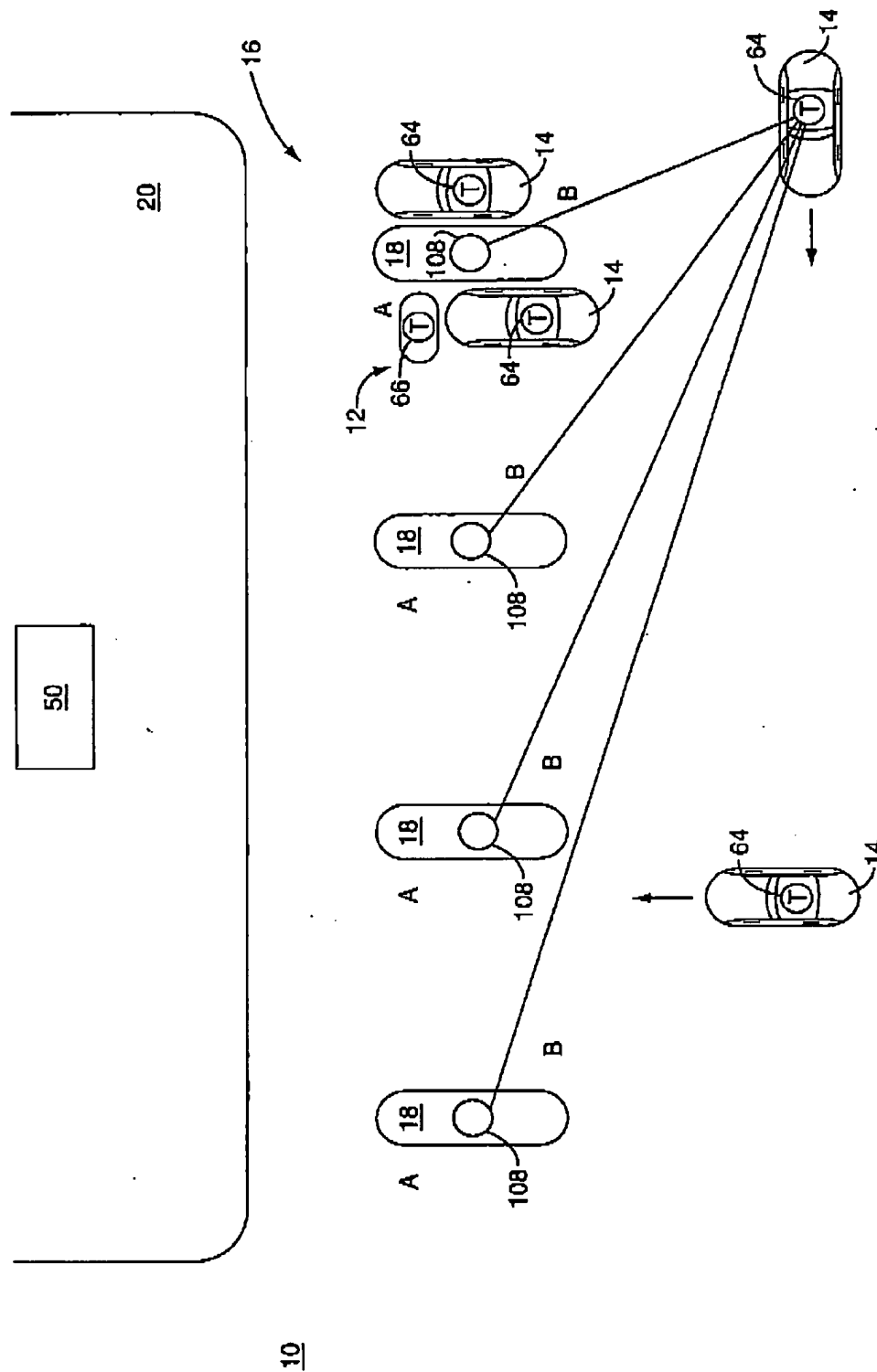
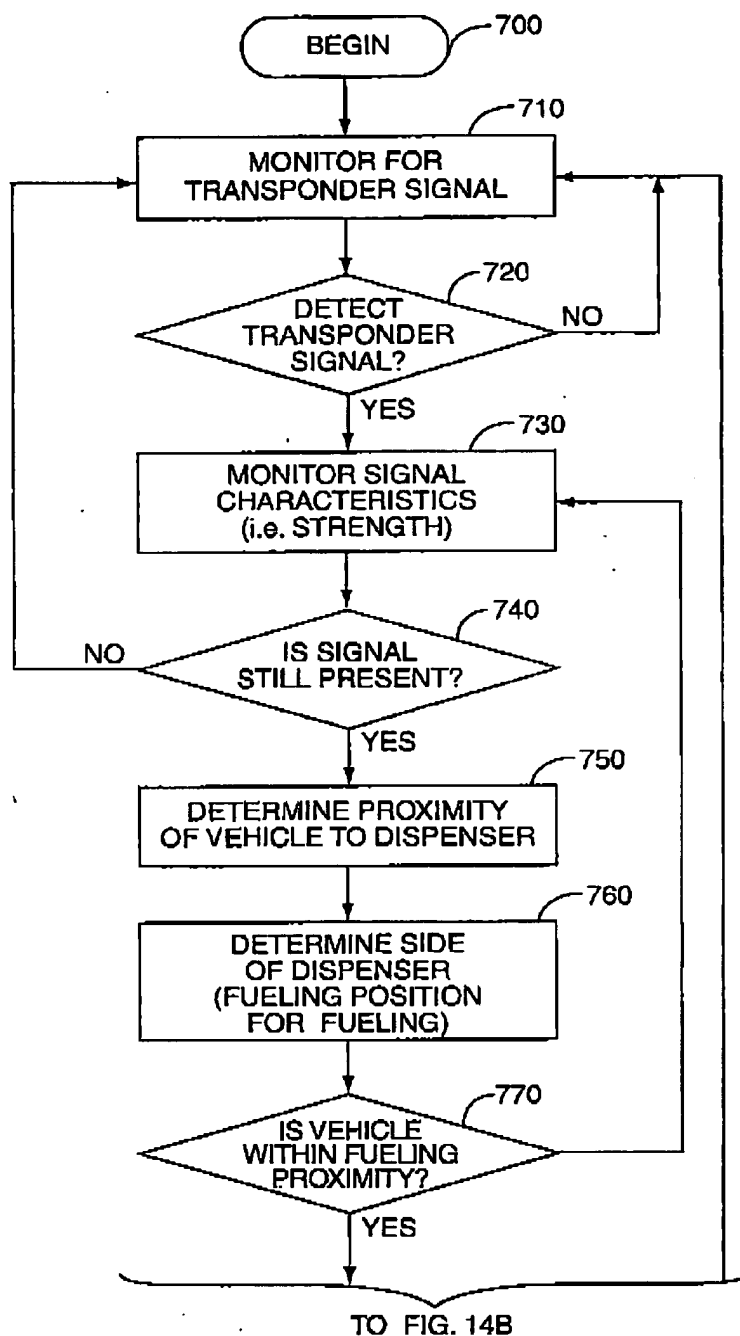
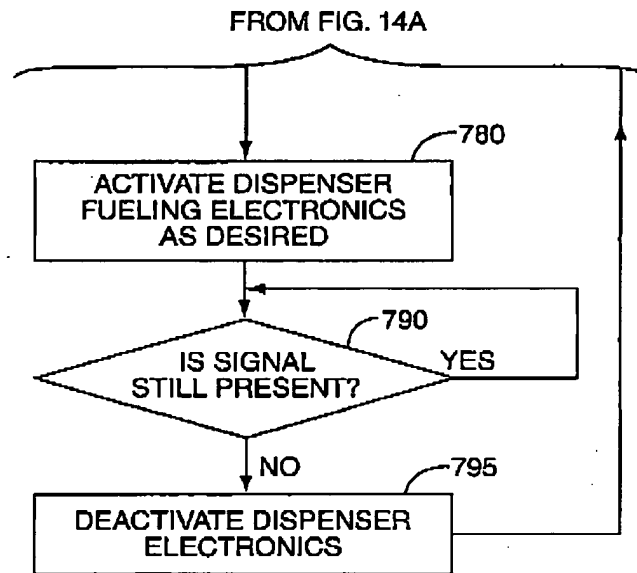


FIG. 13A



**FIG. 14A**

**FIG. 14B**

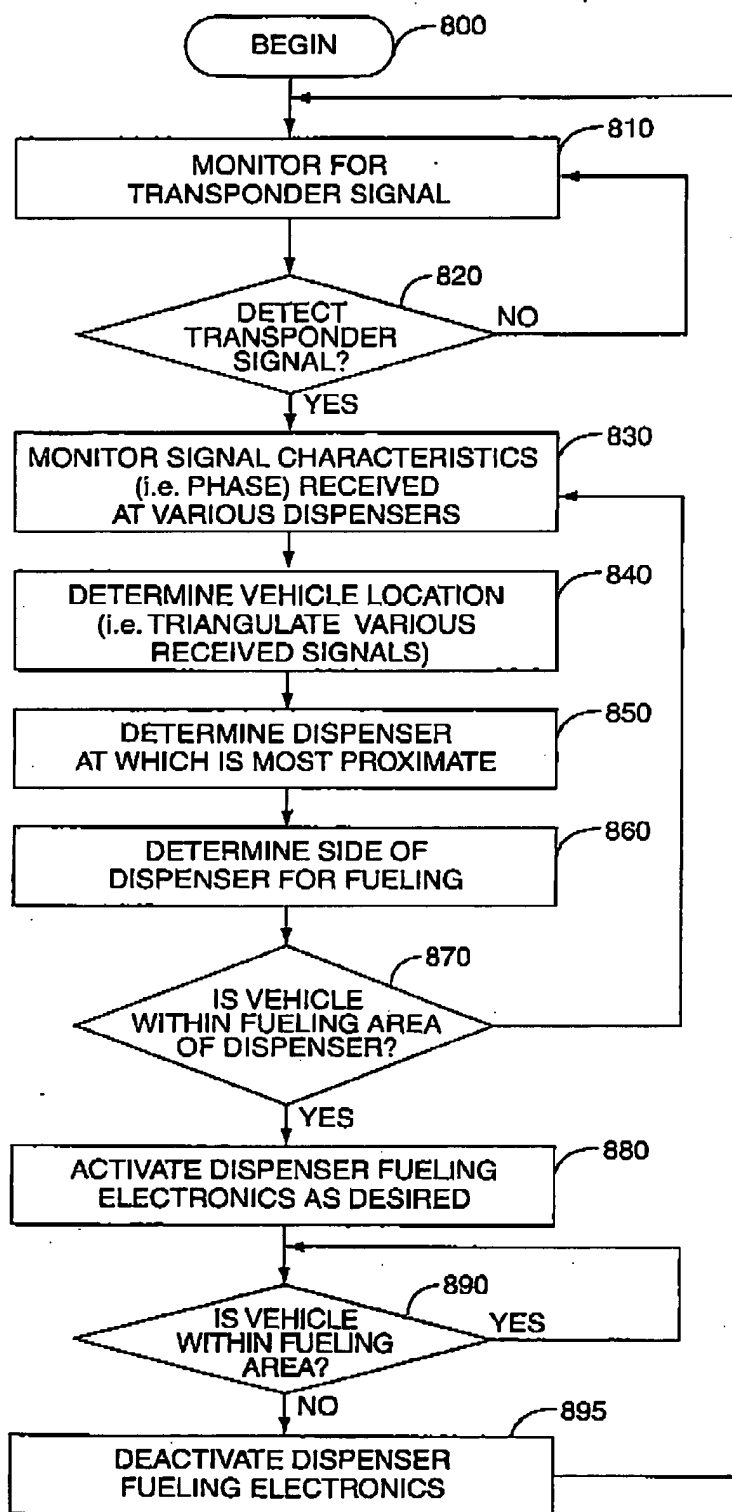


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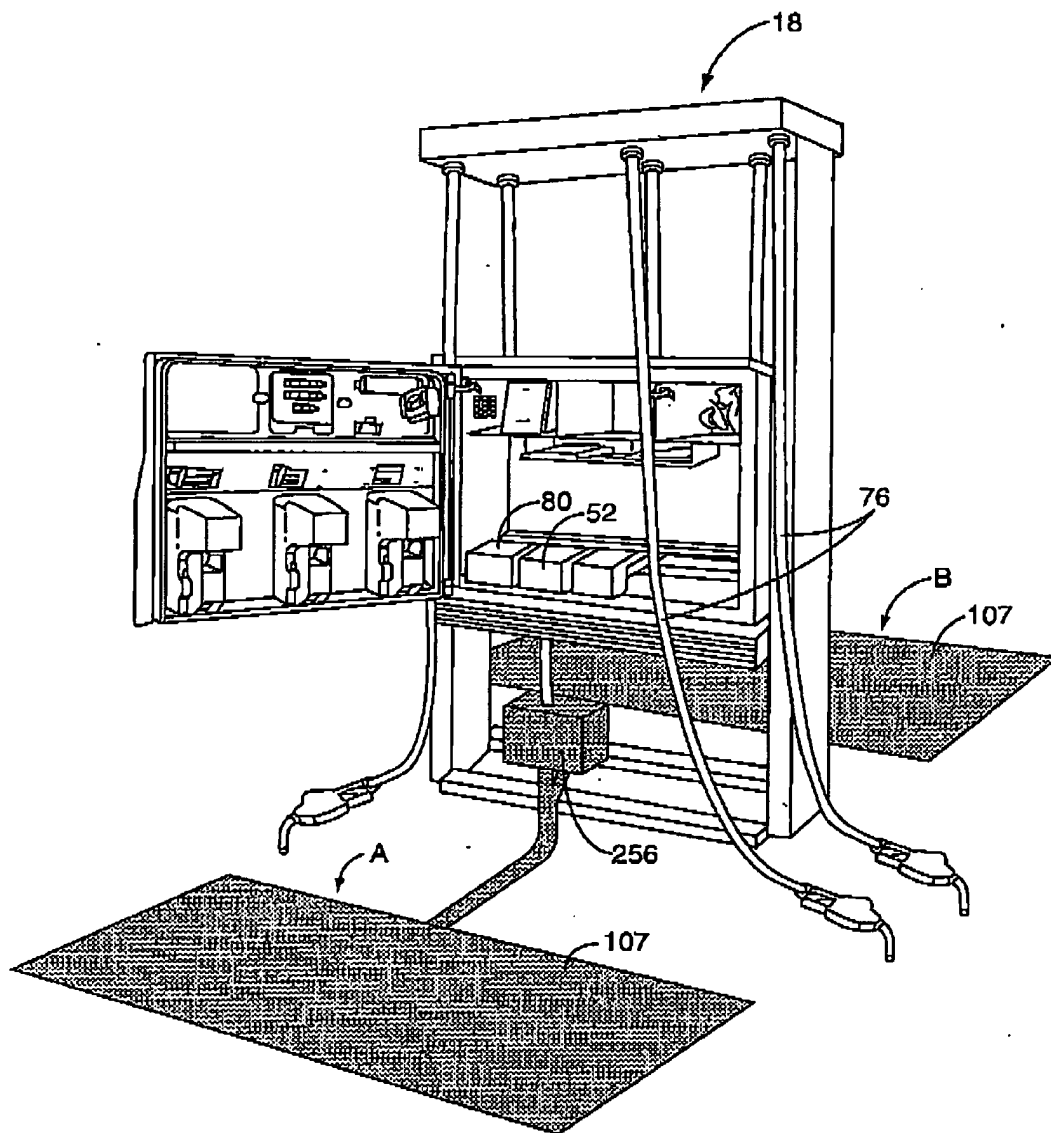


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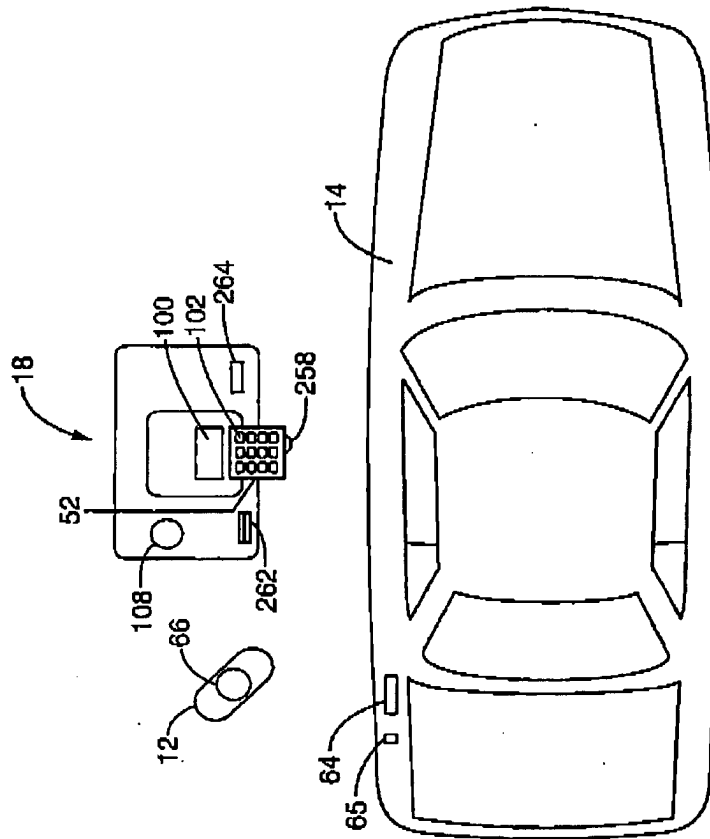


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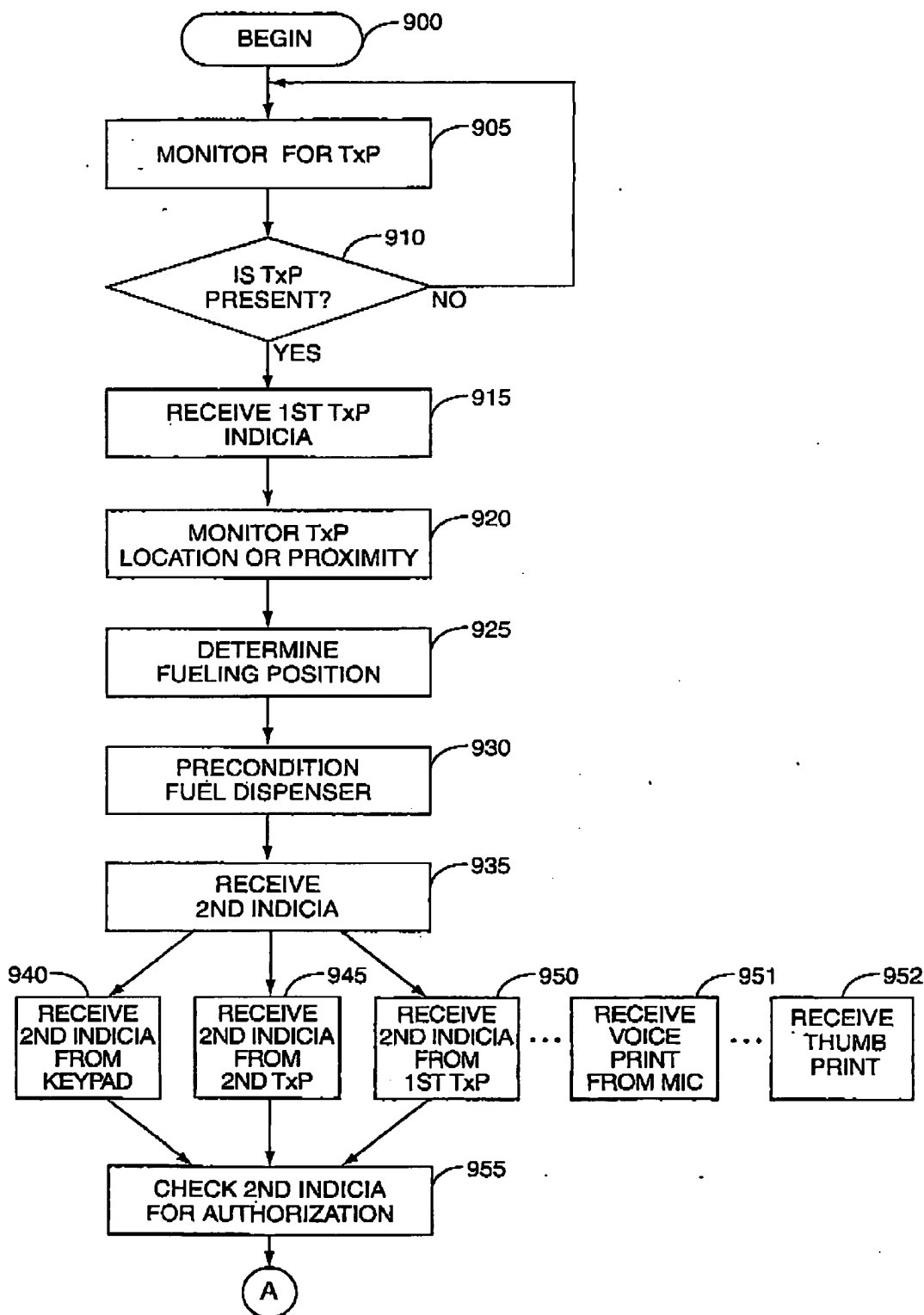


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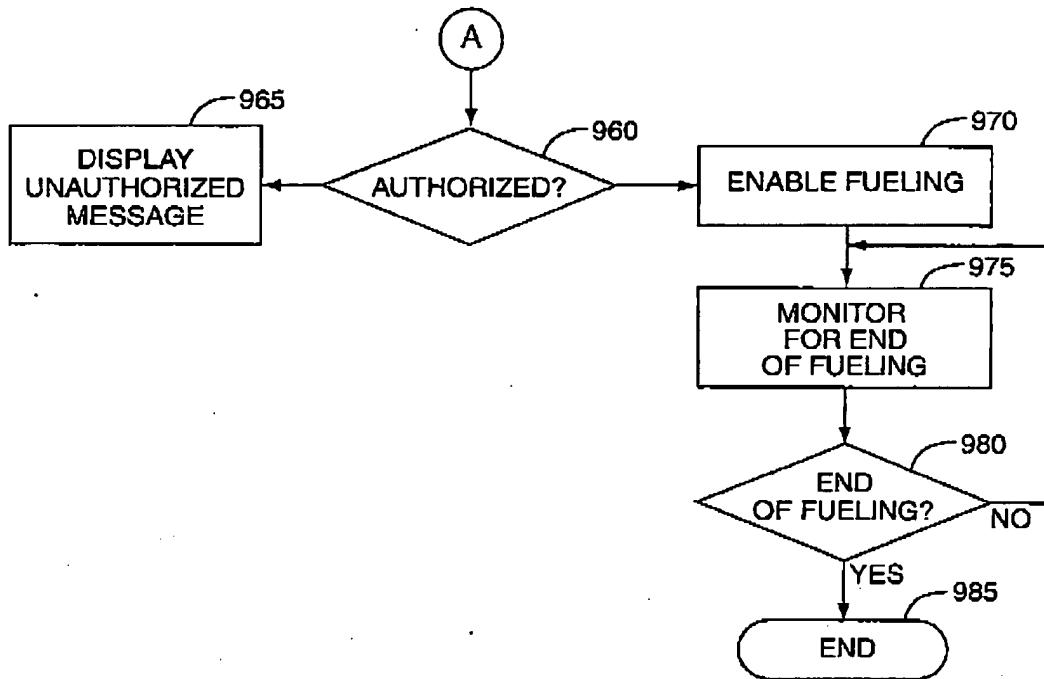


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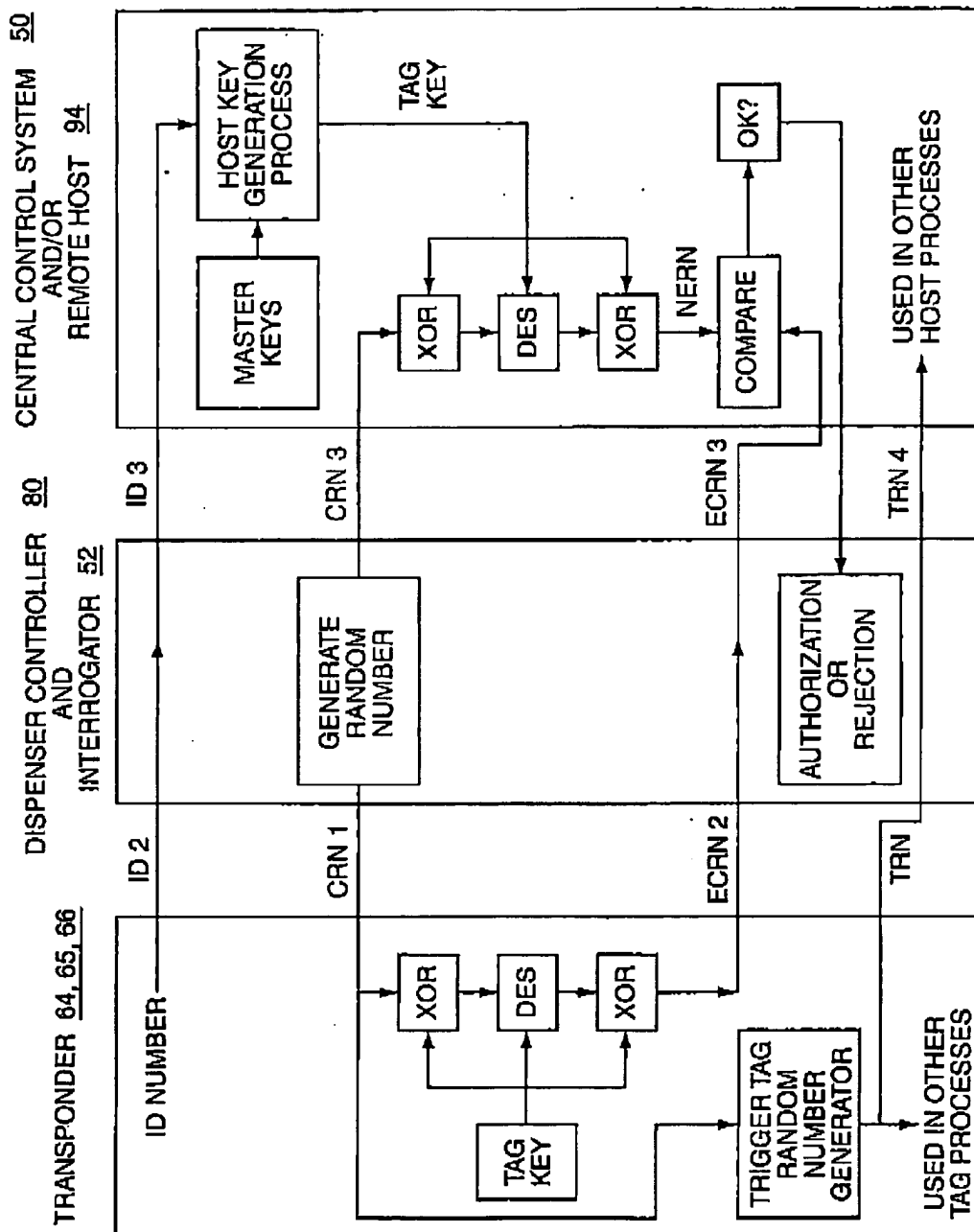


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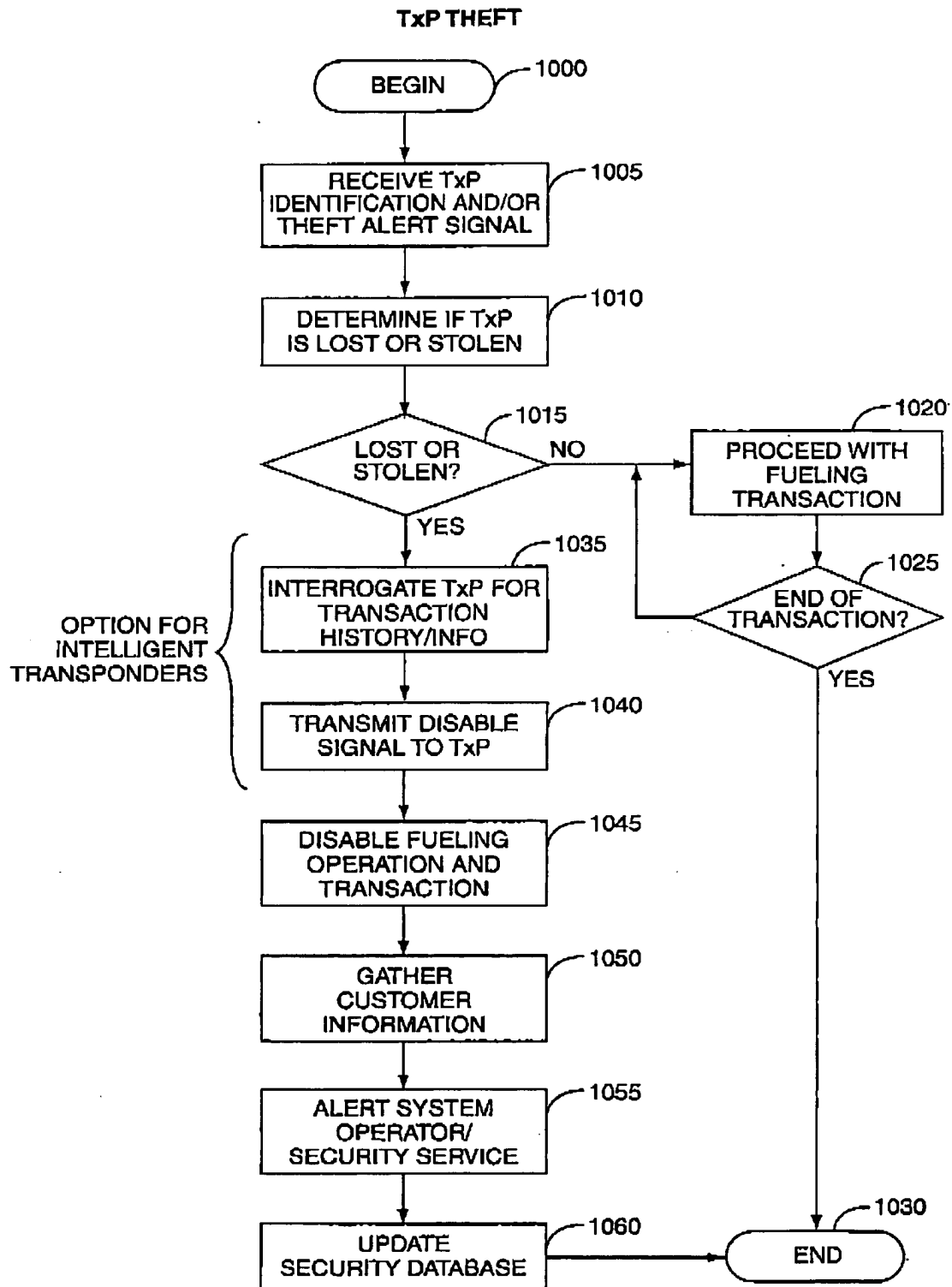
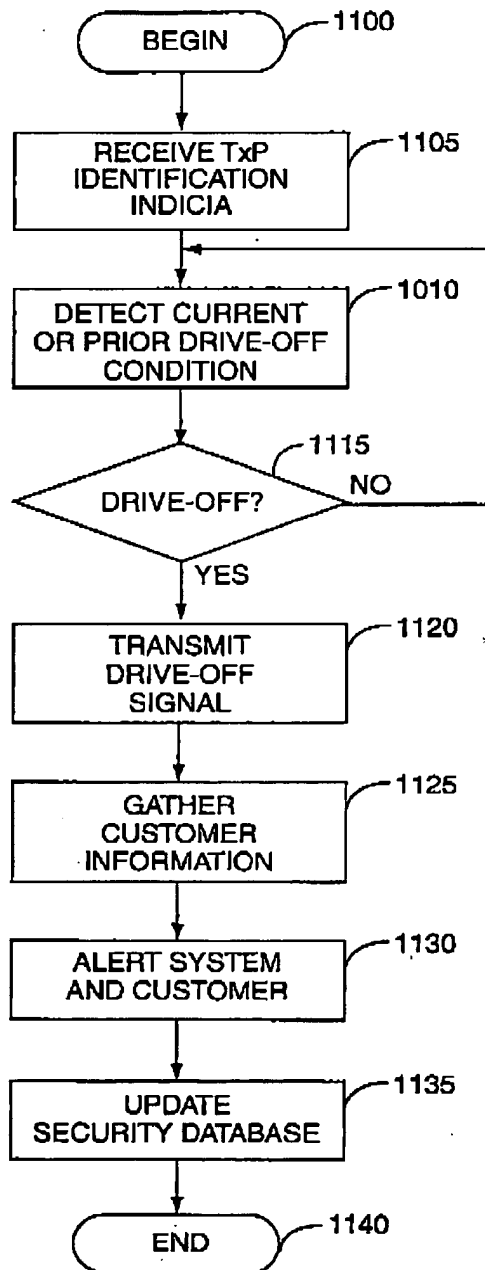


FIG. 20

DRIVE-OFF**FIG. 21**

TRANSACTION LIMITATIONS

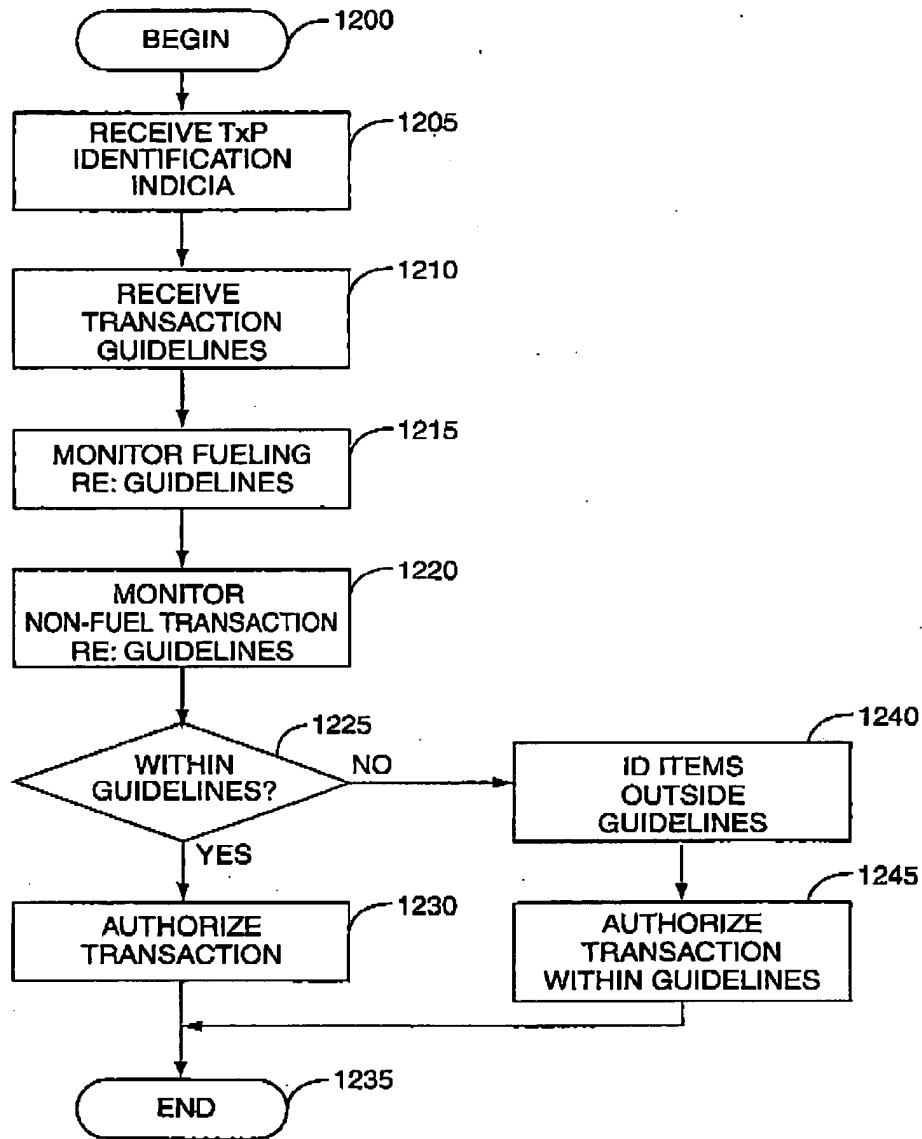


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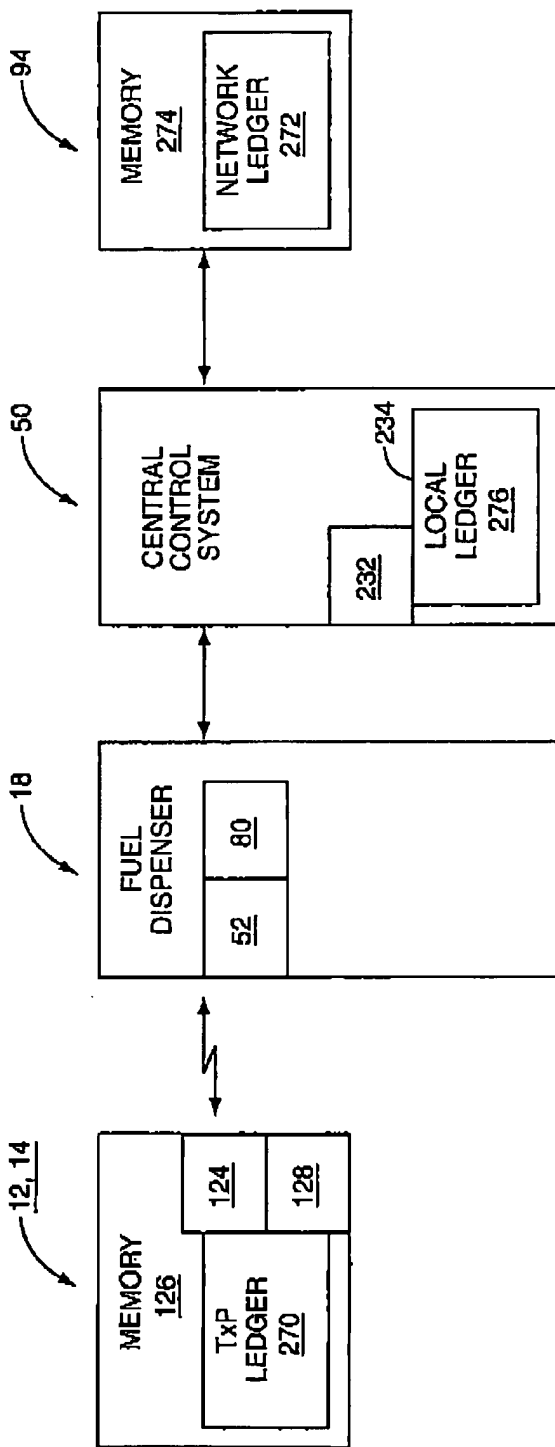
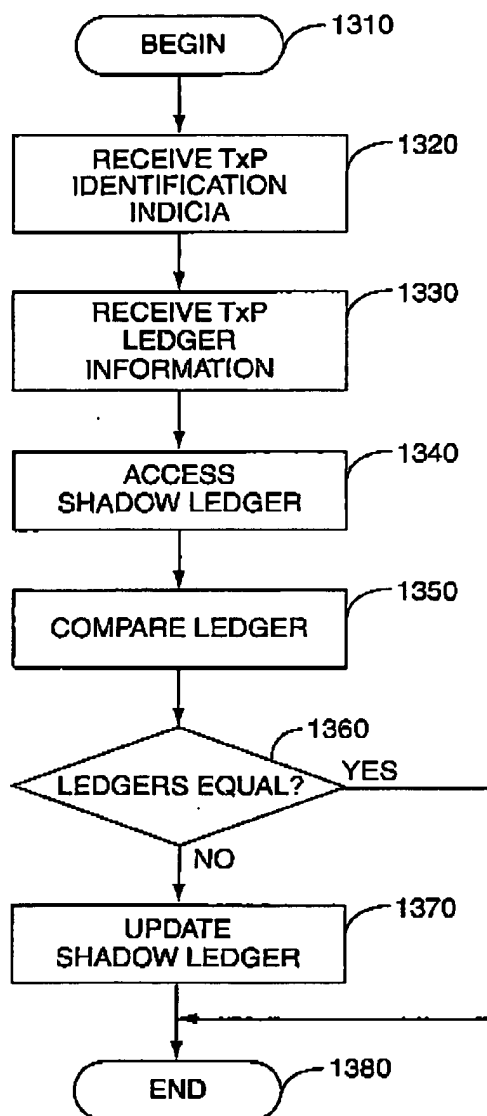
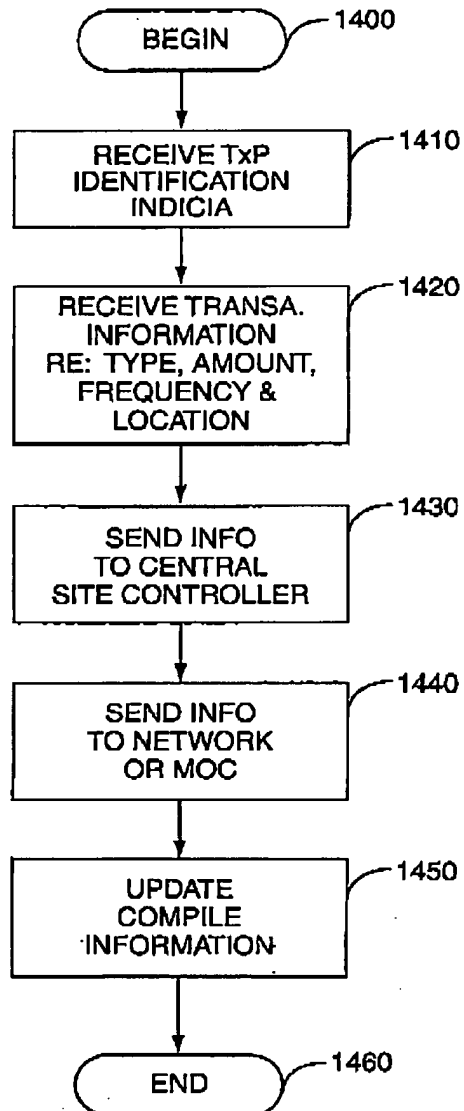
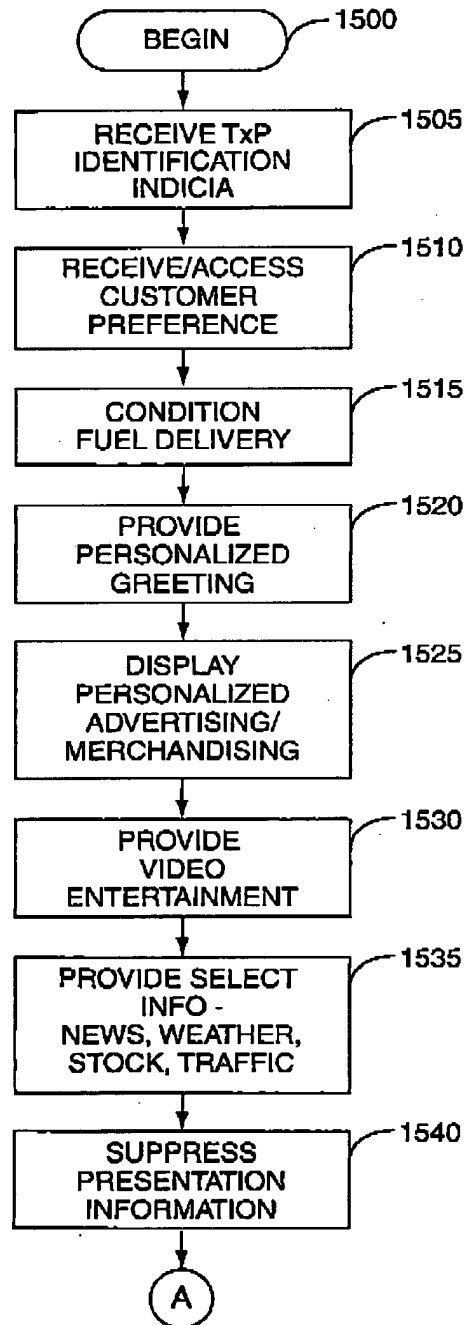
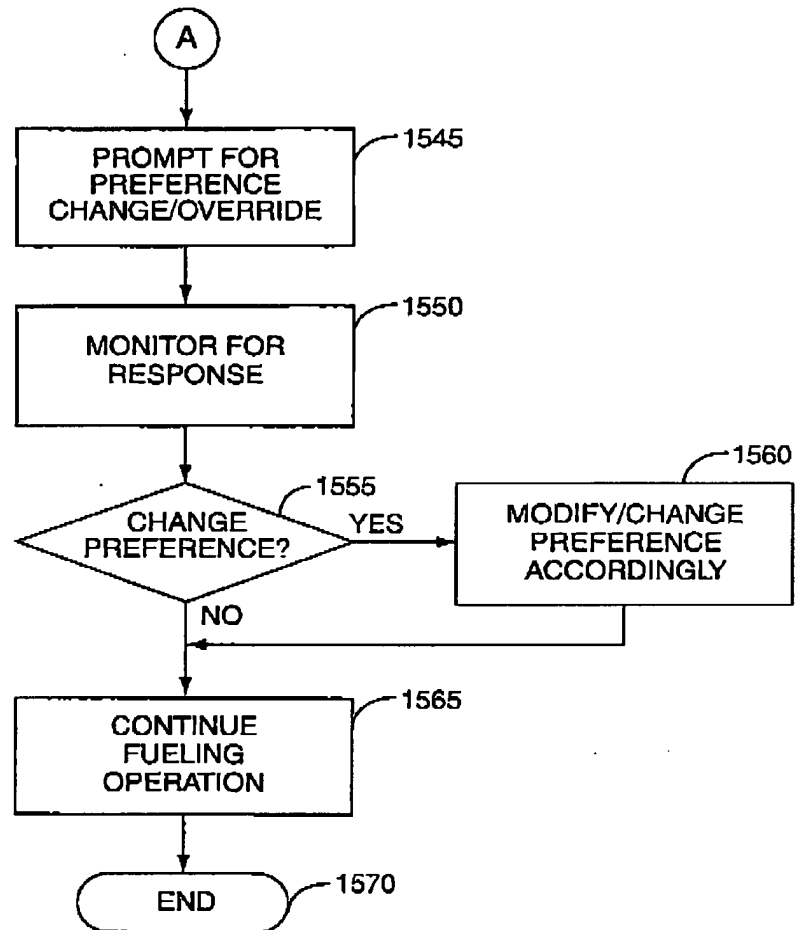


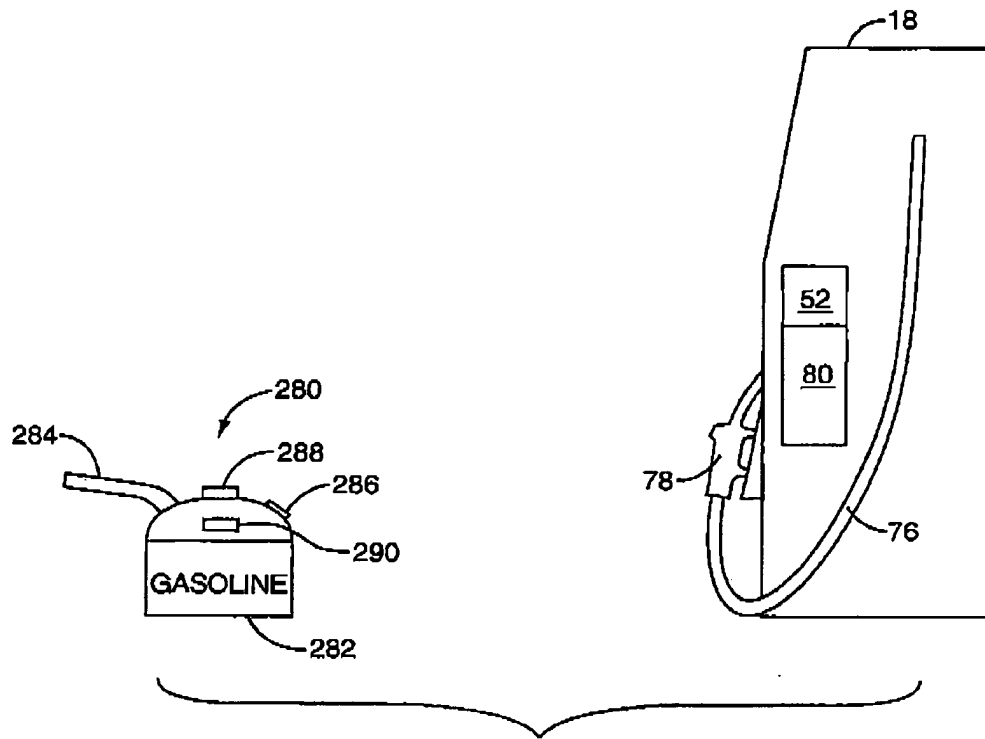
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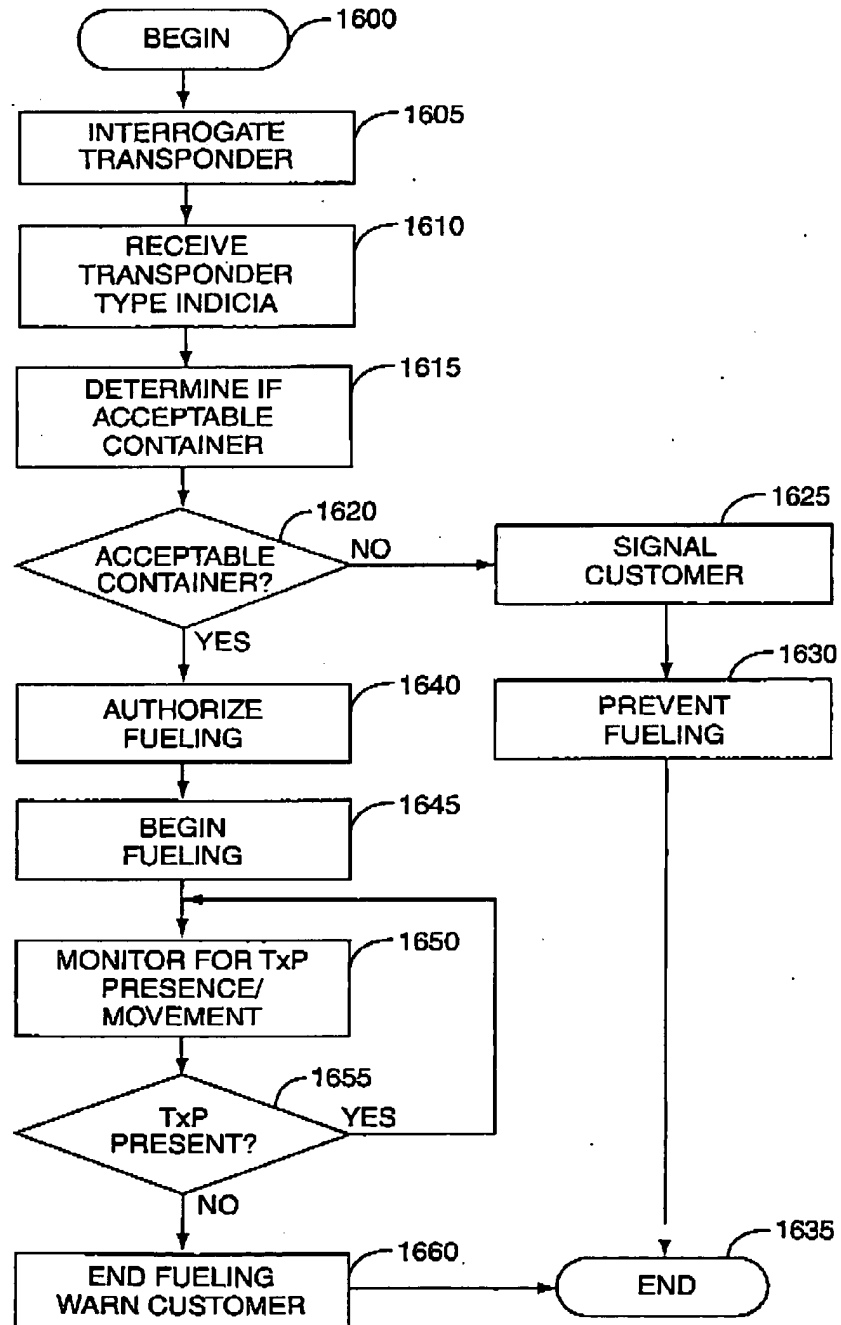
CREATING A SHADOW LEDGER**FIG. 24**

TRANSACTION TRACKING**FIG. 25**

CUSTOMER PREFERENCES**FIG. 26A**

**FIG. 26B**

**FIG. 27**

PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED CONTAINER FUELING**FIG. 28**

PRETRANSACTION ESTIMATES

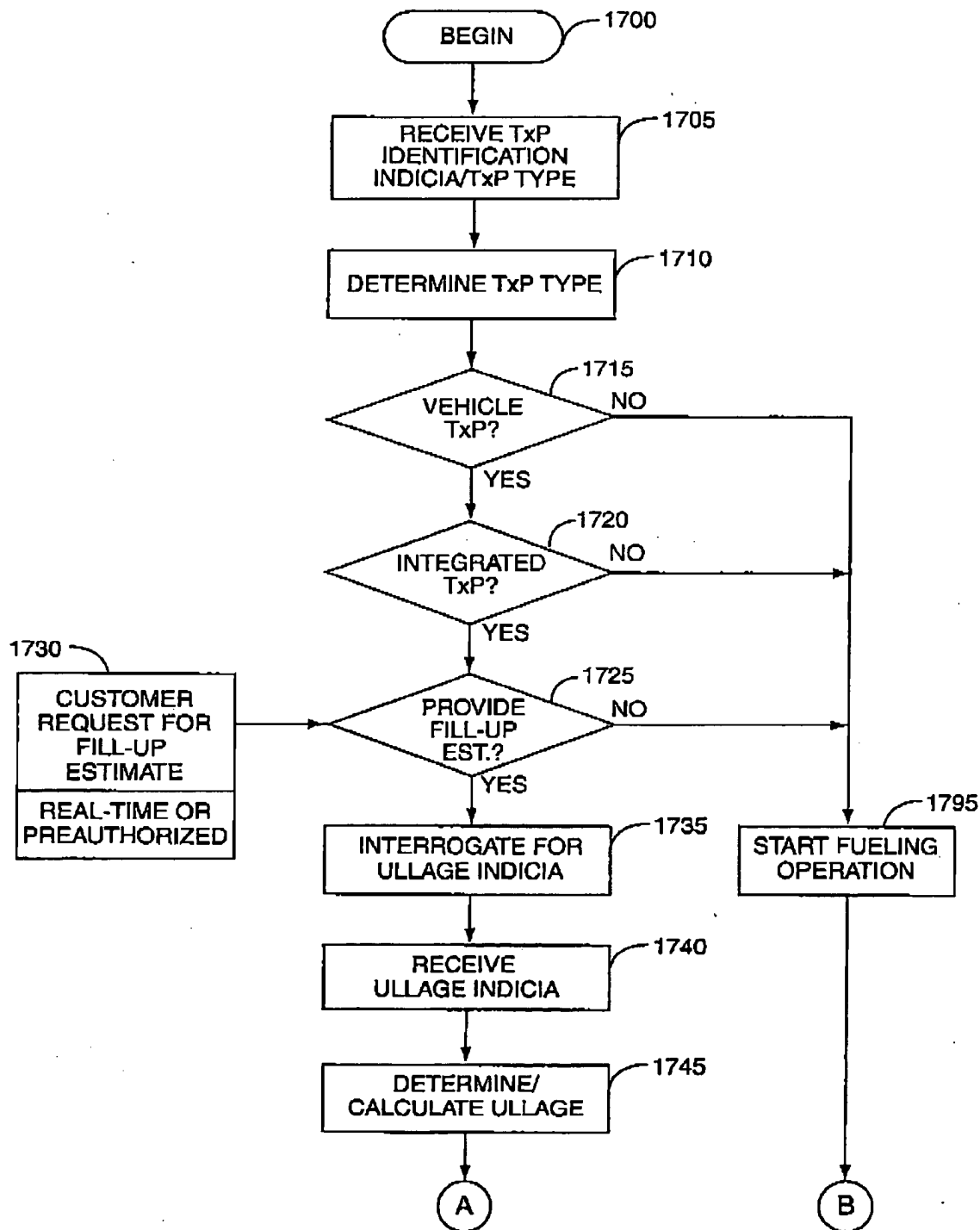


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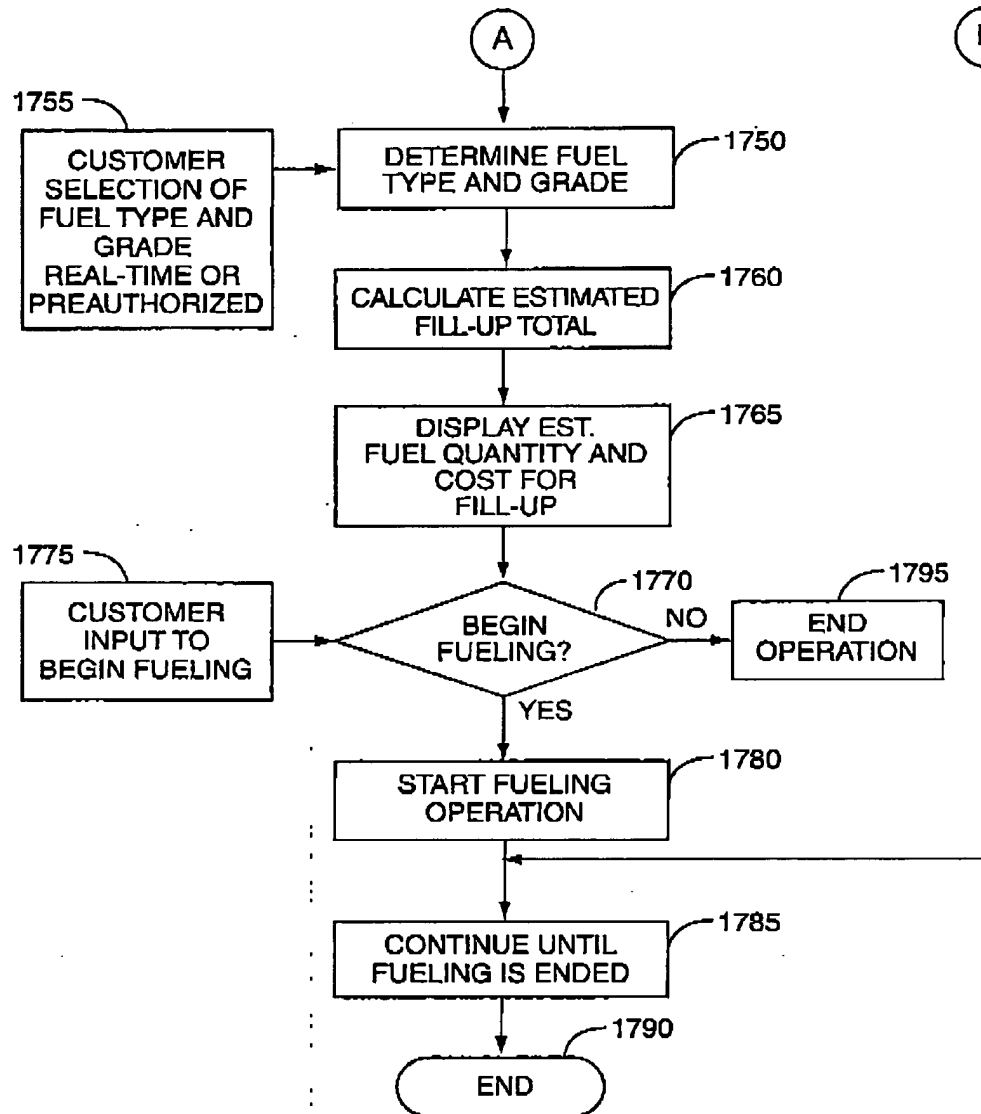


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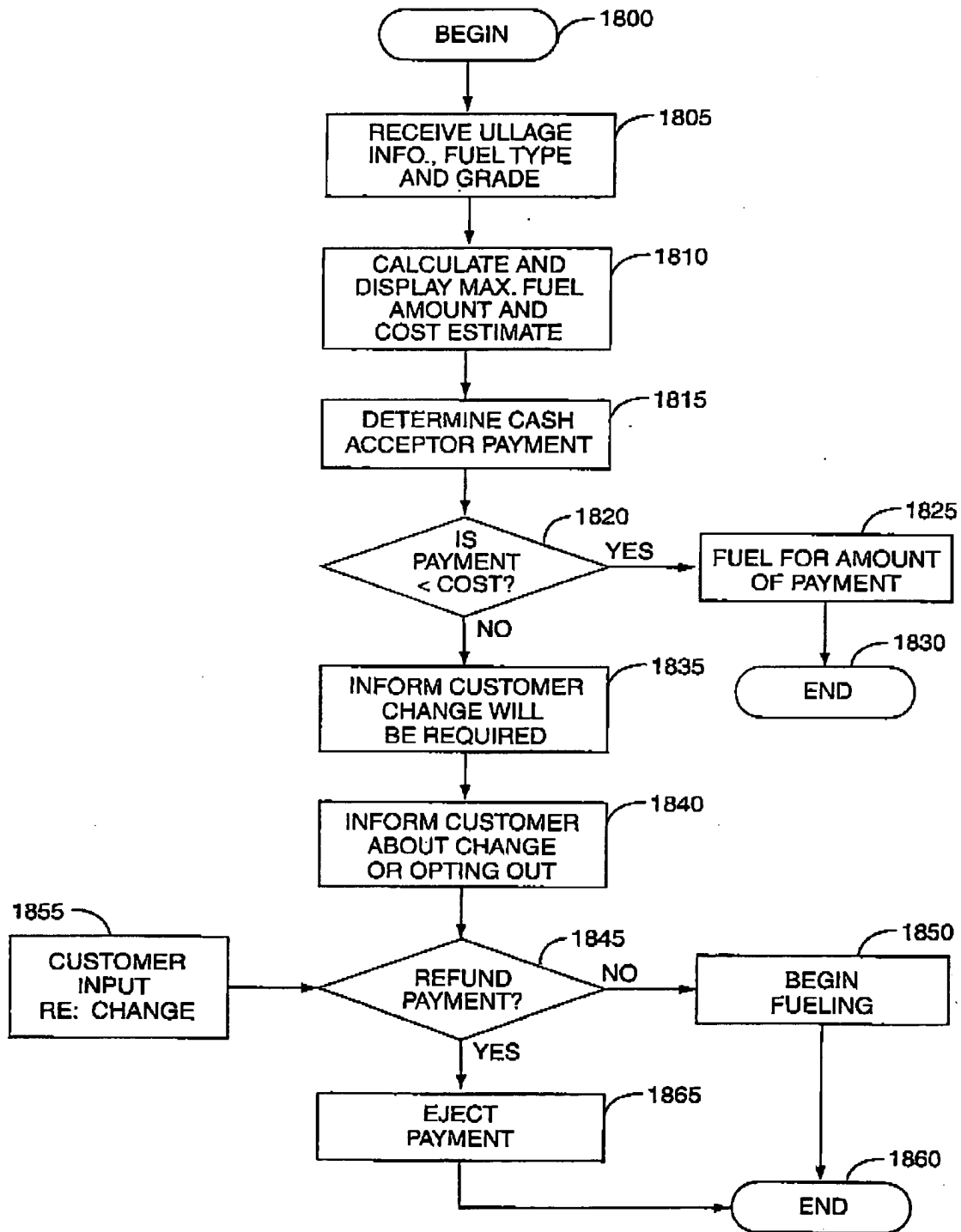
ULLAGE BASED CASH ACCEPTOR CONTROL**FIG. 30**

Exhibit B

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